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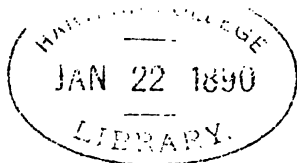
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AN Inventorie taken of all the goodes and cattelles of the late reverend father in God Hugh Bushoppe of Chester by John Ratcliffe &c. the xxiiijth day of June 1596 In the groomes chamber Imp^rmis a fetherbed bolster and a mattresse with a matte xl^s — a Welsh double couerlet and ij blankettes xvj^s — a porte mantow and a male v^s — a presse iiij^s — a boarde in the windowe xvij^d — a bedsteed iiij^s — a close stoole of sylinge wth a panne iiij^s In my L. chamber a matte and a mattresse a fetherbedd a bolster and two pillowes iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — a paire of greene sey curtaines and vallances xxvj^s viij^d — a bedsteede xxvj^s viij^d — ij white blankette with a caddowe and a coveringe blacke and greene xx^s — two trunks xv^s — six bedde staves j^d — a casket ij^s — a chaire and a cushion ij^s vj^d — a presse

¹ Hugh Bellot, D.D., son of Thomas Bellot of Moreton co. Cest. Esq., of St. John's College, Cambridge, Rector of Tydde in Cambridgeshire, Vicar of Gresford in Denbighshire, consecrated Bishop of Bangor 25th January 1585, translated to Chester 25th June 1595, and dying in 1596 aged 54 was buried at Wrexham, where a monument was erected to his memory by his brother Cuthbert Bellot, B.D., Archdeacon of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 75, 89. Nicolas's *Synopsis*, vol. ii. pp. 827, 902.

xvj^s—a lyverie cupbord wth a redd cover viij^s—a bason and a laver
 vj^s viij^d—a pfuminge chafinge dishe and a cover ij^s vj^d—a fire
 shovell tonges a paire of bellowes and two aundryons iiij^s—ij
 boardes in the windowe xvj^d—a tynder boxe iiij^d—one blacke
 gowne faced wth velvet iiij^{li}—one violet gowne faced wth velvet [*sic*]
 —one old gowne faced with conye xv^s—a blacke mourninge
 gowne xx^s—another gowne faced with taffata x^s—a cloake faced
 wth velvet and lyned with blacke bayes xl^s—a cloake lyned wth
 velvet and faced with searge iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d—a damaske cassocke xl^s—
 a cassocke of grogran edged wth ulveringe xxvj^s viij^d—a worsted
 cassocke and lyned wth lambe xl^s—a fustian dubblet viij^s—a satyn
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 martin skynnes w^{ch} my L. wore aboute his necke xx^s—two paire of
 stockinges of carsey and one payre of olde boote hose ij^s vj^d—a payre
 of buskins ij^s—ij square cappes xvj^d—a cloake bagge iiij^s—one velvet
 hatte a bever hatte and a boxe xxvj^s viij^d—a foote clothe x^s—ij
 brushes one for velvet and a rubber tenne shirtes xx^s—xx^{ti}
 bandes x^s—vj rounde handkercheffes [blank]—vj rubbers xij^d—
 iiij night cappes xvj^d—one fine night cappe wrought wth white
 vj^d—ij kercheffes wrought with blacke xvj^d—five night bandes
 x^d—iiij quilted night cappes iiij^s iiij^d—a glanen waste coate ij^s—
 iiij new tyckes and iiij bolsters iiij^{li}—ij paire of shoes a payre of
 pantables and ij payre of slippers iiij^s—seven suger loaves weighinge
 lxxxv poundes iiij^{li} xvij^s ij^d—a clocke xlvj^s viij^d—waynscotte in
 my lordes chamber xxj^{ti} yardes xx^s In the ward robe a fetherbed a
 bolster a pillow and a flokkebedde lij^s iiij^d—a standinge bedde
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 a turned chaire xij^d—ij buffet stooles couered for women iiij^s—a
 paire of andryons one paire of tounges and one fire shovell ij^s—an
 olde standinge chaire wth blew velvet iiij^s—a presse iiij^s—a crosse

stoole vj^s viij^d — iij hampers xvij^d — a warminge panne iij^s iiij^d —
 iij curtaine rodde lyng over the bedde xvj^d In the chamber next
 the warderobe vj of the beste cushions xx^s — xij cushions more
 xxij^s — v cushions of coapes xij^s iiij^d — a greene carpett v yarde
 longe xx^s — a chayre seat and backe wth velvett vj^s viij^d — a stand-
 inge cheare with greene clothe embrodered v^s — an olde shorte
 carpette ij^s — ij little tables with frames v^s — an yron bound cheste
 viij^s — ij damaske chestes xx^s — one other olde cheste v^s — one longe
 cushion of purple velvet x^s — one other olde one v^s — iij of nedle
 worke x^s In Mr Banisters chamber a bedsteede vj^s — a fetherbedd
 a mattresse bolster and a pillow xxx^s — a couerlet a coueringe and
 iij blankettē xxj^s iiij^d — a presse or cupbord and a wainscot dore vj^s
 In Derby chamber a portall and ij shelves vj^s — a beddestocke
 xxxij^s iiij^d — a fetherbed a flockebedde one bolster and one pillowe
 liij^s iiij^d — a coueringe iij^{li} — a tester xl^s — two blankettē xiiij^s In
 the dyninge chamber an yron grate ij^s viij^d — a square table and a
 frame . . . — a payre of vyrginalles xxx^s — ij courte cupbordē v^s —
 ten mappes one with another xvj^s viij^d — a latten candlesticke xvij^d
 In the upper towere one olde bedsteede iij^s iiij^d In y^e towere cham-
 ber a fetherbed and a bolster xxx^s — iij blankettes and one coueringe
 x^s — a trucklebedde and two mattes iiij^s iiij^d In y^e little chamber
 next the towre a beddesteed and ij mattes vj^s viij^d — a bagge of
 fethers x^s — woll [blank] — a hamper vj^d In y^e garden chamber a
 bedsteed and a matte vj^s — a little cupborde iij^s In the chamber
 over the stayres a fetherbed and a bolster withe a matte xij^s iiij^d —
 ij blankettes and a couerlette xij^s — a beddesteed iij^s iiij^d In y^e
 cookes chamber an olde hillinge an old blankette an olde couerlette
 with ij olde flockebeddes and olde shelves vj^s viij^d In y^e larder a
 plancke boarde with ij trestles ij^s vj^d — a beiffe tubbe with a couer
 iiij^s — halfe another wth a butte viij^d — a thicke plancke with ij
 stones x^d — a plancke vj^d — a longe shelfe xij^d — v longe boardē
 upon stoopes withe three ratchmentē wth hookes to hange meat on

vij^s In y^e olde pastry a boarde wth a trestle viij^d. In y^e kitchene a choppinge blocke iiij^d—a boarde wth trestles ij^s viij^d—one olde boarde with ij trestles viij^d—a boarde with a frame to sitte on withe three olde trestles iiij^s—ij payre of wodden racks xij^d—one col-loner ij^s—a gridyron with one yron chafinge dish xvij^d—ij paire of pottelhookes xx^d—one yron peelee xij^d—a fire shovell ij^d—a payre of toungees xij^d—ij flesh hookes and a fire forke vj^d—one crossebarre of yron and three other barres for the pottes with ij other barres to let the pottes up and downe j^d ob the pounce v^s—an yron cleaver newe and an olde cleaver ij^s—an yron cowrake vj^d—a mynsinge knyfe one paire of choppinge knyves with an old mynsinge knyfe ij^s—one paire of mustarde quearnes and a mustarde pottle vj^d—a grater for breade vj^d—a wodden bason ij^d—a tubbe to water fish in a stoole an ovenstone and a trestle xij^d—the coales that were lefte after y^e funerall v^s In the well a rope and a buckette iiij^s In M^r Vaughans chamber a fetherbedde and a bolster xxvij^s—iiij blankettes and a coveringe xiiij^s iiij^d—a beddested and a matte vj^s In M^r Clerk^e chamber a fetherbedde and a bolster—a new blanket and an olde—a coverlette—a bedstead and a matte In y^e ward roobe ij halbeard^e with red silke fringe x^s—ij plaine halberd^e v^s—a pertison and a leadinge staffe jx^s—ij pollaxes iiij^s iiij^d—a gally glasse axe ij^s—ij swordes and iiij daggers vj^s viij^d—a white armor xvj^s—a blacke armor for a launce xl^s—a blacke armour for a light horse xx^s—a muskett wth a flaske xvij^s—a fowlinge piece iiij^s iiij^d—iiij pistolles x^s—ij blacke muryons iiij^s In y^e parlour under the dyninge chamber xxvij yardes of sylinge belonginge unto the house [blank] In y^e great chamber of wallnut a drawinge table xlvj^s viij^d—another drawinge table xxxiiij^s viij^d—an olde table with a broken frame v^s—another table with a frame xij^s—ij courte cupbordes xij^s—an olde square table iiij^s iiij^d—iiij formes v^s—xxiiij stooles xxiiij^s—ij olde formes of the olde fashion ij^s iiij^d In y^e great hall a longe table with ij formes

xviij^s—xv pikes xxvj^s viij^d—a lanterne of glasse ij^s In y^e chappell a pewe of joyned worke jx^s viij^d—the rest of the fourmes belounginge to the chappell besydes the partiçon x^s In y^e bakehouse a kneadinge tubbe iiij^s—one bounde hoope ij^s vj^d—a syeve and a setonsinge syve x^d—a booltinge pype xij^d—an olde coumbe xij^d—iiij olde hoggesheades xvij^d—an olde straw baskette iiij^d—ij booltinge clothes xij^d—ij sakes xxij^d—xvj hoggesheades xvij^s—a furnesse to boyle bieffe in xxvj^s viij^d—an oven stone of wodde iiij^d In y^e butlers chamber a fetherbed and a bolster xxv^s vj^d—ij blanckette and a double couerlett xiiij^s iiij^d—a standinge bedsteed vj^s In y^e yeoman of the stable his chamber a fetherbedde a bolster and a flokkebed xx^s—ij blanckettes and an olde coveringe iiij^s iiij^d—a bedsteed and a matt iiij^s iiij^d In y^e pantrey jx dozen of coarse trenchers xvij^d—v dozen of the best v^s—iiij dozen of rounde trenchers wthout box xvij^d—ij dozen of cheese trenchers xvij^d—iiij rounde closse baskettes and another olde baskette xvij^d—a coueringe baskette—a bynge for breade—iiij voyder knyves ij^s—a glasse lanterne iiij^s—a great table and ij shelves and an arke with a chyppinge boarde xj^s In y^e buttery vj sakes x^s—a rounde olde table and ij stillages for bier ij^s—jx glasses ij^s In y^e wyne cellour ij stillages and one olde square table ij^s iiij^d Lynen vj paire of fine flaxen sheetes—vj paire of rheedinge sheetes—of rhedinge sheetes xx^{ti} paire xl^s—jx pillow biers one with another—one dyaper table clothe xx^s—ij fine square table clothes xij^s—iiij hall table clothes v^s vj^d—iiij broken ones—v fringed cupboard clothes—iiij plaine ones—one dozen diaper napkins xj^s—iiij dozen of fyne napkins xiiij^s iiij^d—iiij dozen of Irishe clothe vij^s iiij^d—viiij dozen of course napkins xx^s—vij towelles x^s—vij course towelles v^s The plate xvj syluer spoones wth gilt heades weighinge xij ounces at v^s the ounce v^{li} xj^s—xij sylver spoones without headdes weighinge xj ounces v^s the ounce iiij^{li} vj^d—ij gilte spoones weighinge iiij ounces [*sic*] quarter v^s the

ounce xvj^s jx^d—iij great white bowlls weighing xxij ounces at v^s the ounce v^{li} v^s—iij lesser bowlls of the same sorte weighing xxij ounces at v^s the ounce v^{li} vj^s—a siluer beaker parcell gilte weighing x ounces at v^s the ounce l^s—a new siluer salte with a couer double gilte weighing xij ounces at vj^s the ounce iij^{li} xv^s viij^d—a double bell salt with a cover weighing xvj ounces at v^s the ounce iij^{li} xvij^s—one little trencher bell salt with a cover weighing iij ounces at vj^s the ounce xvij^s viij^d—one other little trencher salte with a cover weighing ij ounces halfe quarter v^s y^e ounce xij^s viij^d—a standinge cup with a cover double gilte weighing viij ounces at v^s the ounce xliij^s iij^d—one egge cup percell gilte weighing ounces halfe halfe quarter v^s the ounce xxvij^s—one gilte bowll without a cover iij ounces weighte at v^s vj^d the ounce xxij^s.¹ Pewter in te his keepinge vessell of vj sortes lxxv^{li} at viij^d the pounce xl^s— pye plates vj broath dishes and vj broath dishes of another sorte xvij ttinge dishes xij sawcers and vj ngers weighing xliij^{li} at viij^d y^e pounce xxv^s—one dozen of trencher plates weighing viij^{li} at viij^d the pounce iiij^s j^d Pewter and brasse in the pantrey vj brasse candlestickes weighing xv^{li} at viij^d the pounce x^s—iij flaggons iij bigger one little one weighing xliij^{li} at viij^d the pounce viij^s viij^d— great voyders ij pewter saltes weighte vj^d the pounce viij^s viij^d—iij bigger white candlestick^e ij of a lesser sorte sockett^e weighing vj^{li} at the pounce iiij^s viij^d— basons ij ewers weight xliij^{li} at viij^d y^e pound viij^s jx^d—ij old bassons ij old tunnes an old salte and iij chamber pottes weight xj^{li} at vj^d the pound iij^s viij^d Brasse and pewter in the kytchen one bigge brasse potte weighing xliij^{li} at iij^d the pounce xj^s viij^d—one other lesser potte weight xv^{li} at iij^d the pounce v^s—another potte xliij^{li} weighte at iij^d y^e pounce —another potte xxv^{li} at iij^d the pounce —

¹ I cannot account for the difference between some of these amounts and the valuation; but they are correctly copied. J.P.

one brasse dobnet vj^{li} at $iiij^d$ the pounce . . . — an yron potte weighing x^{li} at ij ob y^e pounce . . . — one little dobnet weighing one pound and a half at ij ob the pounce $viiij^d$ — a great copper kettle weighing xj^{li} $iiij^d$ the pounce $iijs$ $iiij^d$ — one lesser copper kettle weighing v^{li} at $iiij^d$ the pounce — ij little dobnettes of brasse weighing ij^{li} at $iiij^d$ the pounce $viiij^d$ — one great brasse panne weighing $x . . .^{li}$ at v^d the pounce xjs x^d — another copper kettell weighing vj^{li} at $iiij^d$ the pounce ijs — ij yron drypinge pannes weighing xxj^{li} at ij^d the pounce . . . — ij brasse skymmers one olde chafinge dishe ij little ladelles weighing $iiij^{li}$ at $iiij^d$ ob the pounce $xxij^d$ ob — one brasse ladle weighing ij^{li} at v^d the pounce x^d — a brasse mortar with an yron pestell weighing $xxxj^{li}$ at $iiij^d$ the pounce . . . — ij dozen of dishes one dozen of sawcers vj porringers weighing $lxxx^{li}$ at vj^d the pounce . . . — $iiij$ pye plates weighing vj^{li} at vj^d the pounce $iijs$ — olde pewter xj weighing $xiiij^{li}$ at v^d ob the pounce . . . — vj spittes weighing lxj^{li} at . . . — one paire of yron racks weighing $lxiiij^{li}$ at ij^d the pounce . . . — a fryinge panne vij^d The sheepe y^t be at Acton wethers $lxxiiij^{li}$ $xiiij^{li}$ xjs — in ewes $xxviiij$ $iiij^{li}$ $xviijs$ — in lambes xx^{li} xl^s Horses run . . . kyne My Lo. nagge geven to Mr George Bellott $viiij^{li}$ — a white geldinge $iiij^{li}$ — an yron gray geldinge $iiij^{li}$ vjs $viiij^d$ — a trottinge bay nagge xl^s — another geldinge bay colour vj^{li} — a white mare $xxxiijs$ $iiij^d$ — a blacke nagge xl^s — an olde blacke geldinge xxx^s — another trottinge nagge $iiij^{li}$ — runtē vj of them at $iiij^{li}$ a piece and at $iiij$ markē a piece the whole ys $xxviiij^{li}$ — a little olde cowe $xxvjs$ $viiij^d$ In the stable a yelow saddle and bridle $iiij$ gyrthes $iijs$ — an olde greene saddle and bridle ij gyrthes $iijs$ $iiij^d$ — olde lether saddle ijs — collers a great halter xx^d — curry combe a mane combe and $viiij^d$ — de horse cloth shovell x^d .

Sūma CClxxiiij^{li} xiijs^{ij} ij^d .

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sundry many of them desperate all amounteth unto CCclxxxiiij^{li} xv^s v^d.

The outside sheet of this inventory is much decayed, but it appears to have been exhibited by Edward Bannester "Maritum Dorothee relicf Bellott p^d des admiñ &c "

THE WILL OF EDWARD SCARISBRICK OF SCARISBRICK ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 20 April 1599 I Edward Scarisbricke of Scarisbricke Esquier sicke in bodie &c. ffirst I comēd my soule into the handes of Almightye God my maker and Redeemer and my bodie to be buried at the pishe church of Ormiskirke in myne owne chappell there wthin the tombe where my father was buried wthin such convenient time after my decease as shalbe thought requisite by my executors heareafter named I will that all such debtes and dueties as I owe of right or conscience to any pson be well and trulie contented and paid by my executors or els ordeine so for to be paid wthout any delay or contradiction And after my debtes paid and my fuf^lall expences pformed I will that all my goodē and chat-

¹ Proved June 8, 1599. Edward, son of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq., by Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq. (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 183), married Margaret, daughter of Alexander Barlow of Barlow Esq., by whom she had issue Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Parker of Radham gent.; Margaret, wife of Lawrence Ireland of Lydiate; Mary, married John Moore of Bank Hall; Anne, wife of Christopher Anderton of Lostock Esq.; Dorothy, and Jane whose will dated 8th May, was proved 8th June 1599. Edward Scarisbrick married secondly (*Harl. MSS.*) a daughter of Singleton of Broughton, and had issue a daughter Frances. Anthony Parker of Radham gent., the testator's son-in-law, had a daughter and coheiress Anne, wife of Henry, son of Thomas Scarisbrick of Barwick, and afterwards of Scarisbrick, ancestor of the present family.

telle shalbe devided in to three equall partes whereof I will that Anne S. my wief shall have one parte thereof unto her owne pp use in man^r of her purport and resonable porcōn of all my goodē cattalls and debtes after the laudable custome of the countrie to her belonging and the second parte I give and bequeath for the better p^rfermente of my daughters wth such somes of money as I shall hereafter appointe for the augmentacōn of theire porcōns w^{ch} is five hundreth powndē a peece toward theire mariages by certaine conveyancē to that effect made To my doughter Mary More wief of John More gen^t one hundreth pownde soe that the said John M. her husband shall not liave any right or title therunto but that the same shalbe imployed for the benefit of her selfe and children To my doughter Jane S. one other hundreth powndē To my doughter Dorothe S. and Anne S. either of them one hundreth pownde and one other hundreth pownd unto my doughter ffrances S. all w^{ch} somes of money to be paied unto my said doughters wthin sixe yeres after my decease or wth more convenient speed if they can It is my will that the one hundreth pownd w^{ch} I haue herein geaven unto my doughter ffrances shalbe first paid unto Anne S. my wief her mother who I haue appointed to be her garden and the third parte of all my said goodē &c. I reserue unto my executors therewth to pforme my legacies and bequestē I give &c. unto Henrie Scarisbricke sonne of Thomas S. of Barwick gen^t unto whom I haue conveied my inheritance and landē as my next heire and unto Anne Parker doughter of Anthonie P. of Radham wthin the countie of Yorke gen^t who is intended to be married unto the said Henry S. six kine and a bull and ix draught oxen wth duple furniture of yokes waynes and sitheropes¹ and two turfe waynes furnished wth whiles and axeltries foure harrowes to be indifferentlie chosen betwixt my wief and them To the said Henry S. my sealing ringe my whit bell salt postell spoones also the new chamber and the great chamber wth all the beddē bedstockes and all

¹ Sideropes used as harness for the waggon.

other the furniture therein w^{ch} do apptaine and belonge unto the said bedde and six other ordinary bedde and bedstockes six paire of sheete and other furniture convenient for them and also the pler wth all the board and formes therin and six buffed stooles and all my brewinge vessell kitchin vessell larder vessell and all other tree¹ vessell whatsoev^r savinge those w^{ch} may fall due unto my wief in her porcion To my well beloued ant M^{rs} Mode Scarisbricke for her better maintenance the some of foure pownde to issue furth of Richard medowe and to be paid yearlie unto her duringe her life at the feastes of Pentecost and St. Martin the bushopp in winter by even porcion To my daughter in lawe M^{rs} Anne Scarisbricke one hundreth pounde to bee paid unto her wthin tenne yeares next after my decease after the rate of ten pounde by yeare one evie Andrewes daie To my sonne in lawe Lawrence Ireland esquire my baie stoned horse To Anne S. my wief my greate guylt salte and sixe appostle spoones To Anne my said wief xx^{li} To my sonne in lawe John Moore gen^t my yonger grey stoned horse To my brother James S. one yoke of oxen or els ten pounde To my godson Edward Ireland my guylt sword and dagger To the said Edward I. and unto the rest and residue of my sonne Ireland his children one hundreth pounde to bee [devided] equallie emongest them besydes ten shillinges in gold w^{ch} said somes to bee paid unto them within fyve yeares next after my decease at the furthest To my daughter Stanley one cowe To evie one of my sonne Parker his children a peece of gold of ten shillinges To my godson Ale^x Barlowe one peece of gold of xxx^s To my godson Edward Scarisbrick one other peece of gold of To my brother in lawe Richard Whittingham one yoke of oxen or els ten pounde To evie one of my houshold servantes theis somes of money followinge ffirst to Thomas Scarisbricke my servant xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to bee paid unto him by Wifm Mullinex of

¹ Wooden utensils.

Or^{ke}¹ within foure yeares next after the date herof in considera^on of the fyne of Woodfalls howse in Or^{ke} w^{ch} I haue unto the said Wiffm Mollinex for the terme of xxj yeares To my servant Richard Leghe vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To Thomas Mason xl^s X^pofer Waringe xl^s To Wiffm Whatton xlⁱ to bee paid unto him by his brother John Whatton within one yeare after his mariage in considera^on of a fyne of his howse To Percivall Gill iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Thomas Boyes iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Richard Houghton my servant vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To Margaret Balshaie vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To Wiffm Blundell xl^s To y^e old nurse xl^s To Anne Tailor iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Alice Mollinex xvj^s To Isabell Wodcrofte xvj^s To Eliz. Shurlicars xvj^s To the rest of all my howsehold servant^e not havinge p^rferment by leases a yeares wages To my sonne in lawe M^r Anthonie Parker xxvij^{li} All the reste of my good^e &c. I wholelie give &c. unto the said Henrie Scarsbricke and Anne Parker I constitute &c. my true and lawfull executors my welbeloved brother Alexander Barlowe of Barlowe esquyre the above named Antonie Parker and my brother James S. of Downe Holland gen^t Theis beinge witnesses Gabriell Gorsuch John Shawe John Barton Robert Hesketh James Hill Nicholas Gorsuch Gilbert Waringe.

THE WILL OF RALPH MANWARING OF
OLDCASTLE, GENT.²

IN the name &c. the xixth daye of November 1588 I Raphe Manwaring of Oldcastle within the countye of Chester gent sicke in bodey but of good &c. doe make this my p^rsent testament &c. ffirste I geve and bequeath my soule &c. I geve unto my cosin

¹ Ormskirk.

² Proved January 10, 1588 [1588-89].

Thomas Manwaringe of Caulveley my caliver with an horne flaske trimmed with iron Unto his wief a pece of blacke velvett lying in my cheste to lyne her a cape of a gowne To my cosin Raphe Leftwicke my rapier and dagger damasked and to his wief one taffeta hatt for a woman To Robt Leftwicke my birdinge peece with a litle horne flaske To Hugh Prestland my pellett or stone bowe To John Manwaring sonne to my cosin Thomas M. of Caulveley my crosbowe with the windlesse To Arthur Davenport the younger my dagg or pistole To my cosine Anne Evans one pece of tawnie taffeta in my chest to make her a foreparte of a kirtle To my cosin Margery Prestland a blacke silke knitt purse To my god daughter Doretie Davenport one litle jyñe ringe of gold To my sister Anne one gowne of sheeps color w^{ch} lieth ripped in my chest and one petticoate of stamell¹ color with a lace and facing of blacke sike To Katheryne Stanfeld my best shirte my best bande on blacke taffeta dublett or gorgett and my best shoes To John the Weshman [Welshman?] nowe dwelling with me one deares leather dublett wth heare buttone and to his wyffe all the rest of my shoes To Thomas Manwaring one byble my best sworde and dagger damasked and my gold ringe wth the redd stone and seale in ytt All the rest of my goodes and chattelle debtē duties and demanndes shalbe by mine executore employed as heareafter in this my last will I shall appointe Whereas I haue purchased of Thomas Winne of Pentice Morgan in the countye of Salope gentleman certaine messuage lande &c. in St. Martine and Iston [or Ison] within the countie of Salope my will ys that myne executore shall haue full autoritye by vertue of this my last will to make sale of all the saide messuages &c. and the same money to bestowe in such sorte and mann^r as in this my last will I shall appointe viz. first I will that my funerall expences and debtē being payde out of all my goodes and chattelle and sales of the landes

¹ Stamell is a coarse kind of red, very inferior to fine scarlet. — *Nares*. A sort of fine worsted of which peticoats were made. — *Hallivell*.

aforesaid that my daughter Margery shall haue of the same money fforty poundes my daughter Sara M. shall haue other ffortie poundes and the rest of all my goodes and chattellē I will that my sonne Thomas M. shall haue towardē his education and pferment Mine executorē shall haue the bringing upp of my saide children and the bestowing of their portions untill such tyme as they shall sevallie be of sufficient age to discharg them by lawe And yf ytt happen that all [my children] dye before they shall come to sufficient age as aforesaide then my sister Anne children shall haue ffortie poundes to be equallie devided among them my nephew Thomas Manwaring his children other ffortie poundes and my cosine Raphe Leftwiche his children shall haue other ffortie poundes The rest I will shalbe bestowed uppon the poore I make my welbeloved frendes and cosins Withm Prestlande of Wordhull esquire Raphe Leftwich of Leftwiche and Thomas Manwaring of Caulveley gent my executors and my good cosin and ffrend Mr Hughe Davenport of Caulveley esquier overseer &c. In wyttnes &c. Raffē Manwaringe Wyttnesses &c. Thomas Coller Robt Downes &c.

THE WILL OF CHRISTABELL WHITTAKER,
WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. The seaventh daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God one thowsande ffyve hundreth ffowerscore and ffyfteene and in the seaven and thirtieth yeare of our sovaigne Ladie Elizabeth &c. I Christabell Whittaker late wyf of Thomas W. late

¹ Proved 28th April, 1595. Dr. Whitaker gives a brief and inexact pedigree of the Whitakers of Symondstone Hall, a branch from High Whitaker before 10th Edward II., but was ignorant of this will. — *Hist. Whalley*, p. 528, third ed. The present head of this respectable family is the Rev. Charles Whitaker, M.A.

of Symonndstone deceased wthin the countie of Lancaster widow beinge sicke in bodie yett of good and pfect remembrance laude and praise be given to God consideringe wth my self that death is to evie pson certeyne and the tyme theirow most uncerteyne at God's will and appointment And likewyse dailie seeinge how that di^vse and sundrie psons are taken out of this transsitorie lyf and noe will and disposition of their goodē and chattellē by them made whereby great trouble doth aryse amongst kinsfolkes and frendē ffor th'avoydinge whereof and for the better establishinge of all my goodē and chattellē in such sorte as standeth wth my full mynde and purposse and alsoe wth equitie law and conscience and especiallie for th'avoydinge of all care and trouble in any worldly matters uppon my death savinge that of mynde w^{ch} shalbe necessarie for my soule doe theirfore declare and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I comēde my soule into th'andes of Allmightie God faithfullie trustinge that through the meritte of Jesus Christ myne onlie Saviour and Redeemer I shalbe made ptaker of the heavenlie inheritance provyded for th'elect and chosen and my bodie to bee buried in the parish church or chappell of Padiham where myne executor shall thinke most convenient Ifm I doe give and bequeth unto the right worshipfull Nicholas Banister of Alltham esquyre six shillingē eight pence in trust that he will stande good m^r unto my children in quyetyng and appeasinge aney controversie that shall or maie aryse amongst my children concerninge this my last will and testament I doe give &c. unto Humphrey W. myne eldest sonne one longesettle standinge in the saide Humphrey his house I doe give unto the saide Humphrey one yron teame and certeyne saplinge boardē lyinge in the high chamber Unto John W. another of my sonnes twentie nyne poundes w^{ch} he doth ow mee and w^{ch} he hath in his owne handē Unto William Hewitt sonne of John H. in the countie of Yorke carpenter one heffer wth calfe I doe give unto evrie childe

w^{ch} I am grande mother unto ij^s a peece Ifm yt is my last will and mynde that whereas I disbursed a certayne some of money to th'and^e of the saide Thomas W. my sonne to bee bestowed uppon certayne grownd^e in Craven to th'use and behooffe of mee the saide Christabell as ioynt at the bargaine of the saide growndes wth certeyne other partners and whereas the saide growndes are assured accordingly unto th'and^e of the saide Thomas my sonne and others the saide partners to th'use and behooffe aforessaide by Thomas Lister of Westbee gentleman ffor a certeyne tearme yett induringe as by his indenture of lease thereof made more at lardge appeareth that the saide Thomas W. shall have and enioy the saide growndes ratably wth his other partners for and enduringe all the saide yeares and the saide some of money soe bestowed wth the comodoties of the said money and bargaine unto hym the saide Thomas W. his executors and administrators for ever in lue and considera^on of his childe pte or filiall por^on of good^e to hym the saide Thomas W. bequethed by the last will and testament of the saide late deceased Thomas W. his ffather w^{ch} is the some of ffyve poundes six shilling^e eight pence and w^{ch} saide some the saide Thomas W. my sonne was contented to take in lue of the saide por^on of his childe pt Uppon this condi^on limita^on and purpose hereafter expressed in this my last will and testament I give &c. unto Lawrence W. my sonne the full and just some of twentie poundes that yf Thomas W. my saide sonne bee not theirwth pleased and contented that then yt is my last will and mynde that all my good^e and chattells (my debt^e legacies and funerall expenses beinge dischardged) shall whollie remaine and come and I freely give &c. the same good^e and chattells unto them to the saide Lawrence and Thomas W. equallie to bee devyded betwixt them but yf the saide Thomas W. bee therwth pleased and contented then I give &c. all the rest of the saide good^e and chattells unto hym the saide Thomas W. I doe ordeyne

and make the saide Thomas W. my sonne my sole executor trulie &c. Alsoe I doe hartily praie and desyre the saide right worshipfull Nicholas Banister Esquyre to bee supvisor &c. Theis being wyt-
nesses John Brandewodd of Padiham Myles Whittaker Lawrence
Brandwoodd and John Baxter clerke.

THE WILL OF RALPH WORSLEY OF
CHESTER ESQ.¹

IN the name of God the ffather the Son and the Holy Gost amen
the thrittenth daie of November in the yere of our Lord God
one thowsand ffyve hundreth threescore and twelve and in the ffour-
tenth yere of the raigne of our sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. I
Rauff Worsley of the cytie of Chester Esquier beinge of good and
pfecte mynde and remembraunce lawde and prayse be unto
Almightie God althoughe sycke in body and dredinge the sodden-
nesse of death w^{ch} as it is to all men certeyne so the houre and tyme
therof is most uncerteyne myndynge to stablishe and put in cer-

¹ Ralph Worsley of Chester and Birkenhead Esq., third son of William Worsley of Worsley Maynes, near Wigan, by Anne, daughter of Adam Birkenhead of Huxley co. Cest., married Jane, daughter of John Pike Esq., and had three daughters and coheireesses: Alice, wife of Thomas Powell of Horsley Esq.; Katherine married first Thomas Touchet of Whitley, and secondly Edward, brother of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme; and Avise, who married first Thomas Vawdrey of Riddings, secondly Humphrey Davenport, and thirdly John Shakerley. — *Harl. MSS.* 2100, fo. 32. After the dissolution of the monasteries Ralph Worsley had a grant of the site of the priory of Birkenhead and the manors of Cloughton and Wolton, with lands in Wallesey, Bidston and Tranmere, which were inherited by Thomas Powell of Horsley Esq., the testator's son-in-law, and his descendants. He held numerous offices under King Henry VIII., and dying 27th December 1573, aged 80 years and upwards, was buried at St. Mary's Church, Chester. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 168, and vol. ii. p. 256.

teyntye howe and in what maner my lande tent good and cattalls shalbe imployed used and bestowed after my deathe doo therefore ordeyne declare and by these p^resent^e make my testament conteyninge therin my laste will in maner and forme as hereafter doth ensue and folowe that is to saye ffyrste and pryncipally I bequethe my soule unto Almighty God ffyrmyly trustinge and belevinge that throughe the meryt^e of his dere Sone Jesus Christe I shall have the fruy^{ti}on and be ptaker of his eternall glory And my body I bequethe to Christyan buryall to be sepultered and buried in such decent and godly ordre as to the discre^{ti}on of th^eexecutors and supvisors of this my laste will shalbe thought mete and convenyent And I gyve and bequeyth to the poore people of the p^rishe of St. Maryes in Chester ffyve pounde and to the poore people of the p^rishe of St. Johnes in Chester fve pounde and to the poore people of the p^rishe of St. Oswald^e in Chester ffourtye shillinge and to the poore people of ev^{er}y of the p^rishes of St. Peter the Trynytie St. Martyns St. Brydes St. Mychells and St. Towleys in the said cittie of Chester twentye shillinge All w^{ch} somes before men^{ti}oned I will shall be geven and delyved to the said poore people of the foresaid sevall p^rishes at their dwellinge howses and not otherwyse I gyve &c. to my servante Thomas Shurlocke tenne pounde and to my s^rvante John Lowes ffourtye shillinge and to my s^rvante James Wayte tenne pounde and to my s^rvannte Richard Watte ffourtye shillinge To Margaret Mayre my mayde s^rvannte ffourtye shillinge and to Johanne Jamesson one other of my mayd s^rvannte ffourtye shillinge Unto Hughe Worsley sone of my brother Otnell W. one hundreth pounde And I gyve &c. for the mayntennce and releyfe of my doughter Avyce nowe wyf of Thomas Vawdrey two hundreth poundes to be bestowed upon her in such maner and at such tymes as shall be thought mete by th^eexecutors or supvisors of this my laste will upon this condi^{ti}on ffolowinge that is to saye that yf the said Thomas Vawdrey and my said daughter Avyce his wyffe do not

hold them selves contente wth this my bequest in full contenta^{co}n of all such pte of my good^e as they or eyther of them might by any meane clayme or yf they shall refuse to make unto my executors at their request after my decease one sufficyent release in wrytinge of all ac^{co}ns and demaunde w^{ch} they or eyther of them shold or might have agaynste my executors ffor or about any pte of my said good^e or shall vexe sue or trowble my said executors for any matter or cause towchinge this my testament or th'execu^{co}n of the same or shall demaunde or seke any thinge contrary to the true meaninge and intent of this my last will that then the said legacy and bequest of the said twoe hundreth pound^e by me mad to the use and for the mayntenāce of my said doughter Avyce shalbe frustrate and voyde I gyve &c. to my cosyn Richard Birkenheade ffoure poundes in gold and to my ffriend Mr. Roger Hurleston ffoure poundes in gold and to my cosyn James Worsley of Pemberton gentleman tenne pound^e and to Margaret Worsley wydowe late wyffe of Alexander Worsley deceased tenne pound^e Also I wyll that tenne pound^e shall be delyv^d unto my ffriend^e Alexander Rigby of the Burghe and my sone in lawe ffrancis Sherington to be ly them distributed amongst the poore people of the towne of Wigan in the countye of Lancaster wherein I wold have blynde Gilbert Leighe to be specyally remembred I gyve to my s^rvannte Thomas Gullye my under keper of the lyons¹ twentye pound^e I gyve to the wyeff of the said Thomas Gullye ffyve pound^e and to Henry Johns s^riante at armes yf he shall happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decease tenne pound^e I gyve to my cosyn M^{rs} Barlowe dwellinge in Lombard strete yf she happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decease tenne pound^e I gyve to my cosyn Thomas Browne ffyve mark^e and to my cosyn John Banester ffyve mark^e and to my cosyn Henry Birkenhead ffyve

¹ Mr. Worsley was appointed keeper of the lions and leopards in the Tower of London by King Henry VIII.

marke To my cosyn Thomas Birkenhead ffyve markes To M^{rs} Jane ffoxwyst ffyve markes I gyve to the late wyffe of John Eveley decessed my late s^rvaunte at the Towre ffyve pounde yf she happen to be on lyve at the tyme of my decesse I gyve to James Worsley basterd brother to my cosyn Alexander Worsley ffyve pounde To my ffrend John Wynnington of the Temple gent ffyve pounde I gyve unto Rauffe Worsley sone of my said cosyn Alexander W. decessed tenne pounde To John Worsley sone of my brother Seth W. decessed twenty pounde I gyve &c. all and singler my lande tent^e and heredytament^e wth their app^rtenn^e in the cittie of London and the suburbes of the same w^{ch} Nych^{ls} Jennyns late citizen and alderman of London did gyve unto me and unto Joane my late wyffe and to the heyres of our twoe bodyes lawfully begotten unto Alyce Katheryne and Avyce doughters of me the said Rauffe W. and of the said Johane my late wyffe and to the heyres of the bodyes of the said Alyce Katheryne and Avyce lawfully begotten I gyve to my ffrend Wiffm Crofton ffyve markes and to M^r Wiffm Glaseor ffyve pounde and to my cosyn Rychard Hurleston ffyve pounde and to my s^rvannte Thomas Hyckacke ffyve markes Also I doo gyve &c. all and singler my lande tent^e and heredytament^e in the pishe of St Myldred^e in the Pultrey in the cittie of London late in the houldinge of John Mylner decessed or his assignes unto my cosyn Hughe Worsley sone of my brother Otnell and the heyres of the body of the said Hughe lawfully begotten Also I gyve &c. all and singler my lande tent^e and heredytament^e wth th^e app^rtennt^e wthin the countye of Lancastre unto Katheryne nowe wyffe of ffraunnc^e Sherington and bastard doughter of me the said Rauffe W. to have and to hold the said lande and tent^e and other p^rmisses to the said Katheryne for terme of her lyffe And I will devyse &c. that the same lande tent^e and other the p^rmisses last before mencioned shall remayne and be imedyatly after the decesse of the said Katheryne to the heyres of the bodye of the said Katheryne lawfully

begotten and for defaulte of heires of the body of the said Katheryne lawfully begotten I will that my said landes tent^e and other the p^rmisses wth th^e app^rtennt^e shall remayne and be to my daughters Alyce wyffe of Thomas Powell and Katheryne wyffe of Thomas Tutchett and the heyres of the bodye of the same Alyce and Katheryne lawfully begotten Also I will that all the residue of my good^e and cattalls w^{ch} I have not heretofore in this my testament gyven or bequeythed nor shall hereafter gyve bequethe or bestowe in my lyffe tyme shall remayne and be unto my executors hereafter named to be by them distrybuted and disposed in charytable dedes and otherwyse for the welth of my soule by the advyce of my ffrend Alexander Rigbye one of the supvisors of this my last will Also I constytute &c. my welbeloved sons in law Thomas Powell Thomas Tutchett and ffrancis Sherington to be executors of this my testament and laste will to execute and p^rform the same accordinge to my mynde and will therin declared as my truste is in them And I ordeyne &c. my lovinge cosyns and ffrend^e W^{ill}m fletwodd Esquier Recorder of the Cyttye of London and the said Alexander Rigbye of the Burgh to be supvisors &c. And I gyve to eyther of my said supvisors twentye pound^e for their paynes and travells to be bestowed and taken in and about th^e execu^{ti}on of the p^rmisses In witness whereof to this my p^rsent testament conteyninge herin my last will I the said Rauffe W. have put to my seale &c. Also I geve &c. the moytie or one halfe of all my manors mes^{es} land^e and tent^e in Birkenhead Wolton aⁿs Woton Claughton Bideston Walazey and [Tranmere?] wthin the co^m of Chester to my daughter Alyce nowe wyffe of Thomas Powell to have and hold to the said Alyce for terme of her naturall lyffe wthout impechment of wast And I will that the same moytie or halfe of the manors and other the last recyted p^rmisses shall imedyatly after the decesse of the said Alyce remeyne and be to the se^vall uses behoves and intent^e conteyned and specyfyed in a payre of indentures made betweene me of the one ptie and Alexander

Rigbye of the Burghe in the coñ of Lancastre and Thomas Browne of Hoole in the countye of Chester gentleman of the other ptie beringe date the eight day of November in the said ffourteenth yere of the raigne of the Quenes Ma^{tie} that nowe is and under such condiçõs as is conteyned in the same indenture And also I geve &c. the other moytie or halfe of all my manors &c. last before mençõned to my doughter Katheryne nowe wyfe of the said Thomas Tutchett to have and hold to the said Katheryne for terme of her lyfe wthout impechement of waste And I will that the same other moytie or halfe of the same manors and other the said last recyted pmisses shall imedyatly after the decesse of the said Katheryne remayne and be to the sevall uses behoves and intentç &c. [as before.]

The following is on a separate piece of parchment fastened to the probate : —

The said Rauffe W. intendency therby more playnly and p^ticularly to declare and explayne his meanynge in the legacie of the residue of his goodç mençõned in his will aswell before as after y^e makinge of his will dyd signifie and publishe before credible psons that notwithstandinge any thinge therin conteyned his meanynge was that Thomas Towchett and Thomas Powell shuld have the saide residue of his goodç and to be goodd to the pore as he was wonte to be in his lieffe tyme and as they saw cause accordinge to the truste that he reposed in them or the like wordes in effecte.

THE WILL OF RICHARD CROSSLEY OF
SCAITCLIFFE, YEOMAN.¹

IN the name &c. y^e firste daie of februarie in the thirteth yere of the reigne of o^r soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Ric^c Crosley of Seetcliffe in y^e pishe of Rachdall and countie of Lan^c yoman sicke in bodye but wholl in mynde &c. I doe constytute &c. my p^rnte last will and teastament in manⁿ and fforme ffollowinge first and princypallie I comytt my soule &c. and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of Rachdall &c. And as towchinge my temporall good^e yt is my mynde and will that all my debtes be paied of all my wholl good^e first and yt is my mynde and will that the reste of my moveable good^e in whose handes so ever they be or may be founde be geven unto my wyffe Elizabeth C. and to my three sonnes that is to saye Anthonie C. and John C. and James C. equallye to be devyded amonge them pyvded notwthstandinge that my sone in lawe John Healey shall haue geven unto hym by this my will ij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d w^{ch} he oweth unto me I make my wyffe Elizabeth C. and my sone Anthonie C. my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. meaninge that they shall not hurte the rest of my children in no wyse of their childe's pte It is my will and mynde that my wyffe [shall] haue a thirde pte of my lyvinge It ys my will that my sonne Anthonie C. shall haue the halffe of the intacke payinge his brother Richarde C. x^s a yere and after the deathe of his mother to haue the halffe of ffentons place payinge other x^s to his brother a yere Yt is my will that my soⁿe John C.

¹ Proved 13th January, 1588 [1588-9.] For some account of this ancient and respectable family, see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 152, note 8. This will corrects some errors in the pedigree in Corry's *History of Lancashire*, and in Burke's *History of Landed Gentry*.

shall haue one portiall of lande w^{ch} I purchas of William Stote of Ramsden wth one house of thee [three] beye and fyve ackers of lande adioyninge unto y^e saide baye the name of Ramsden I doe geve it unto my soñe John and his heires for ever I geve unto my soñe James C. the Witt shawe and the crofte payinge unto his brother Richarde iiij^s a yere and after the decease of his mother the saide James to haue the other halfe of the Fentons place payinge x^s a yere more unto his brother Richarde C. Also I desyer my brother James C. and my brother in lawe Wiltm Michell and my brother in lawe George Whitley and my brother in lawe Randle Whitley to be supvysors and oversyers of the same In wyttnesse &c. in the p^sence of Thomas Crabtree Wiltm Crosley and Arthure Chadwicke and others.

THE WILL OF JANE, DAUGHTER OF EDWARD
SCARISBRICK ESQ., DECEASED.¹

IN the name &c. the eight daie of May in the yere of our Lord God 1599 and in the yere of the raigne of o^r so^vaigne Lady Elizabeth the xlith I Jane Scarisbricke doughter unto Edward S. Esquire late deceased beinge in pfecte mynd and remembrance (thankes be unto Almightye God therefore) doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament in man^r and forme folowinge First and principally I geve and bequeath my soule into the handes of God Almightye my Creator and Redemer hopinge to be saved by

¹ Proved June 8, 1599. Edward Scarisbrick Esq. was the receiver general and kinsman (by marriage) of Henry fourth Earl of Derby. There is a notice of him and of his daughter Jane, the testatrix, in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 105-6. This will is, by a clerical error, there dated 1591.

the bitter death pretious passion and blood shedinge of Jesus Christ and I pray and hope to live and dye a member of the Catholicke church and my body to be buried in the pish church of Ormiskerke and soe neere to the place where my auncestors ly buried as convenientlie may bee And as for my goodē chattalls reall and psonall statutes legacies and other matters whatsoev^r to me appertayninge and that by law I may geve I doe hereby bequeath them as followeth Imprimis I geve &c. to my suster Dorothie S. one hundreth poundes Unto my suster Anne S. one hundreth poundes I geve &c. to my nephew Edward Ireland one standinge cuppe of silver of v^{li} price To Jane More my neese one other standinge cuppe of v^{li} price To Christofer Parker my nephew one standinge cuppe of v^{li} price Unto Ann Parker my neese one other standinge cuppe of v^{li} price I geve &c. to my aunt M^{rs} Mawde S. the some of iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I geve to my cosin Alexander Barlow the sum of v^{li} I geve &c. to my brother in law Anthonie Parker the some of xx^{li} I geve to the servant wenches in the house the some of xxxiiij^s iiij^d and the same to be bestowed amongst them att the discretion of my executors hereafter named The residew and remayne of my goodē beinge fiftie poundes it is my will and mynd that my fufball expences and legacies beinge first discharged and paid that the reste and surplusage of the same shalbe equally devided and bestowed amongst my three sisters hereafter mensioned that is to saye my suster Ireland my suster More and my sister frances S. And lastlie I do hereby nominate constitute and appoynt my cosin Alexander Barlow and my brother in lawe Anthonie Parker executors of this my last will &c. In wittnes whereof &c. Jane Scarisbricke These beinge witnesses John More R. W. Rič Whittingham Hector Maudeley Edward Gill.

A true and pfct inventorie of all the goodē &c. of Jane Scarisbricke deceased daughter of Edward Scarisbricke late of Scarisbricke Esq^r likewise deceased exhibited by Alex. Barlowe and Anthonie

Parker gent^r executors of the last will &c. of the said Jane S. Oct. 12 1599 Imp^s due to the said Jane S. out of the issues and profite of the lands late the inheritannce of the said Edward S. CC^{li} It due to the said Jane at the time of her decease given to her by the last will &c. of the said Edward S. C^{li} Sum tot^{is} CCC^{li}.

THE WILL OF HENRY HARDWARE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, ALDERMAN.¹

IN the name &c. the second daye of Maye in the yeaere of o^r Lorde God on' thowsand fyve hundreth eightie two and in the fowre and twentieth yeaere of the raigne of o^r sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. I Henrye Hardware of the cyttie of Chester alderman beinge at this pnt tyme of good and pfect memorie &c. Fyrst I comēd my soule unto the hande of the Almightye and evlastinge God the Father the Sonne and the Holie Goste three psons and one God assuredlie beleavinge that through the merite of Jesus Christ verye God and verye man my full and onlye savioure and by whome I am assured by God^e holie spirit that the justice of God for my synnes ys satisfied and that at the laste daye I shall have a ioyfull resurreccōn and of my bodye and soule and so eternallie as one of God^e electe to lyve and raigne in heaven My bodye I will to

¹ Proved March 18, 1583 [1583-84.] See his widow's will, p. 77, Second Portion. From this testator descended Mr. Samuel Hardware of Moldsworth, co. Cestr., who married at Preston in Amounderness, 21st February, 1660-61, Elizabeth, daughter of Rishton Hodgkinson of Preston, gent., and by her had a daughter Katherine, the first wife of Mr. Matthew Henry, the pious and learned nonconformist minister. She ob. 1689, and Mr. Henry afterwards married Mary, daughter of Robert Warburton of Grange, co. Cestr., Esq., and granddaughter of Peter Warburton Esq., chief justice of Chester. See *Life of Matthew Henry*, by Sir John B. Williams, F.S.A. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 94, 181, and Preston Parish Register.

be buried in such place and order as appteyneth unto a Christian and as yt shall seeme convenient to my executors I wyll that my executors shall dyscharge my funeralles accomplysse my legacies paye my debtes oute of my goodē chattells and debtes w^{ch} unto me ys owinge I bequeathe unto Anne my welbeloved wyff all my messuages landē teñtē medowes pastures and other hereditam^{te} wth theire app^tenñcē nowē in the joynte or sevall tenures or occupa^{cō}ns of one John Lytler Withm Cotgreve Withm Modesley and Roger Sarra^t or of theyre assignes sett lyinge &c. in Greate Mouldesworth in the countie of Chester And also all those my two water mylnes wth all multures waters streames fysshingē wayes and other app^tenñcē to the same mylnes belonging and also all that my close or pasture of ground called the Greaves nowē in my and some tyme pcell of the tenem^t wherein the said John Lytler now dwelleth And also that my one medowe nowē in my and some tyme in th'occupa^{cō}n of the said John Lytler and late pcell of the said teneñt all w^{ch} messuages landē tenem^{te} mylnes &c. I latelie had and purchased to me and my heyres of S^r Withm Sneade Knight latelie dysceased and be and doe lye in Greate Mouldesworth foresaied unto Anne my saied wyffe for tearme of her lyffe and after her dysceasse unto Henrye Hardware my sonne and heyre apparant and to the heyres males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for defaulte of suche yssue then the remaynder thereof unto John H. my seacond sonne and to the heyres males of his bodye &c. and for defaulte &c. then to the heyres males of my bodye lawfullie &c. and for defaulte &c. then to my right heyres for ever I geve &c. unto Henrye H. my saied sonne aswell the rest and residue of my messuages landes &c. in Greate Mouldesworthe and w^{ch} before are not devised to Anne my saied wyffe as also all that my howses or tenem^{te} scituate or beinge wthin the pysshe of S^t Peeters in the Bridge streete wthin the saied cyttie of Chester and w^{ch} I p^rchased of one Withm Grymesdyche mⁿchaunt dysceased and now in th'occu-

paçon of Robert Edward^e iremonger and Robte Lawton mⁱchaunte And lykewyse all those my three closes or pastures lyinge and beinge at Flowkersbrooke and w^{ch} I latelie purchased of the saied S^r Wifm Sneade and of Randall Manwaringe late of the saide cyttie alderman dysceased or of eyther of them to have hold &c. the saied messuages land^e &c. in Greate Mouldesworthe and the saied howses &c. in the saied Bridge streete and also the saied three closes or pastures lyinge at Flowkersbrooke wth all and singuler &c. unto the saied Henrye H. my saied sonne and the heyres males of his bodye &c. [Remainder to "John H. my sonne" and then "to my right heyres for ever"] I bequeath &c. unto everye of my daughters Anne Margaret Jane and Elianor and also to evye other my daughter that yt shall please God heareafter to gyve me in lawfull matrimonye that ys to saye to evye of the same my daughters w^{ch} shall happen to be unmarried at the tyme of my dysceasse one hundreth mⁱkes and to evye of my daughters that shall fortune to be married before the tyme of my dysceasse so muche of the same mariage money as shall then happen to be unpaid and not beinge above the some of one hundreth mⁱkes for anye one of the saied daughters and yf yt be above the some of one hundreth mⁱkes for anye one of my daughters then shée to haue the some of one hundreth mⁱkes and not aboue I gyve &c. to John Hardware my sonne one hundreth pound^e in full satisfacōn of his childes pte of good^e and to hym to be paied when he shall accomplishe the age of twentie fyve yeares &c. I gyve &c. that Anne¹ my saied daughter shall haue in p^rferm^t of her marriage three hundreth mⁱkes over and besyde the saied some of one hundreth mⁱkes w^{ch} some of three hundreth mⁱkes yf I do not gyve and delyv^v unto my saied daughter Anne in my lyffe tyme then my wyll ys that Anne my wyffe shall paye the same in p^rferm^t of my saied daughter Annes marriage and w^{ch} some I wyll leave in my wyves hand^e in ready

¹ Anne, born 1562, afterwards wife of William Chantrell of Bache. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 181.

money and goulde for that purpose onlye I gyve &c. to evye of my three daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore one hundreth pounde and the same by my executors to be levied and taken oute and uppon twentie two tonnes, of Spanyshe iron beinge nowe in the sellor wthin my mansion howse in the cyttie of Chester and w^{ch} iron I haue pvided and sett theare to and for the pferm^t of my three daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore together wth theare saied sevall somes of one hundreth m^kes to eiche of them as before in this my last wyll ys expressed and that the same somes shall be paied as my daughters Margaret Jane and Elianore be of theare sevall ages of twentie yeares And yf anye of them happen to be maried before shee accomplyshe the age of twentie yeares that then the same sevall somes as to her apptayneth shall be paied at the daye of her marriage I gyve &c. to Anne my saied wyffe one yearelye rent of eleven pounde and w^{ch} ys yearely unto me payed by S^r Thomas Danbye Knight and others for manye yeares yet enduringe by force of a graunte thereof made by S^r Wifm Calvley Knight in his lyffe tyme to haue the same yearelye rent ymediatlye after my dysceasse for tearme of her lyffe, and after her dysceasse unto Henrye H. my saied sonne for tearme of his lyffe yf the graunte shall so long continewe I gyve &c. to Elizabeth Bruen¹ my daughter one goulde ringe of the pryce of three poundes, and the same ringe to be made at the dyscrecon of my executors and by them to be delyvd to my saied daughter Elizabeth B. w^{ch} ringe I requyre her my daughter to weare for a remembrance as longe as shee doth lyve and I requyre her also to be as a mother to the rest of my children I gyve &c. to Robte Boothe my brother syxe pounde thritteene shillinge fower pence Unto my saied sonne in lawe John Bruen my best gowne and best velvet coate at his choyse to be taken oute of my appell Unto my sonne Henrye H. my seacond gowne and one seacond velvet coate at his choyse to

¹ Wife of John Bruen of Bruen Stapelford, co. Cestr., Esq., the celebrated Puritan layman. See *Assheton's Journal*, by Canon Raines, Introd. p. xv.

be taken oute of the rest of myne apparell To my sonne John H. my thyrde gowne and thyrde velvet coate I gyve &c. one other my fyne mourninge cloth gowne unto good M^r Christopher Goodman the w^{ch} I praye hym to weare for my sake I wyll that John ffysshier gent^l shall have one ringe of the value of fortie shillinge to weare for my sake I bequeath &c. that the residue of myne apparell shalbe distributed &c. unto and amongst my saied brother Robte Boothe and other my frende at the dyscrecon of my executors I gyve &c. to my saied sonne Henrye H. all my waynescott glasse bedstocke tables formes stooles and hanginge in my nowe dwellinge howse called the Peele in Lyttle Mouldesworth wthin the countie of Chester and as also wthin my howse in the Watergate streete wthin the cyttie of Chester and also one cuppe of sylver dubble gylte wth imagerye uppon the same wthout cover and w^{ch} cuppe was to me gyven by Peeter du Pency [or Percy] mⁱchaunt strannger uppon this condycion and speciall trust by me reposed in my saied sonne that he shall quietlye pmyt and suffer Anne my saied wyffe to have the possession and use of the saied waynescott glasse bedstockes &c. to be occupyed in my nowe saied dwellinge howses dureinge her lyffe I gyve &c. unto everye one of the saied Edward Bagshawe [vicar of Tarvin] Henrye Maynwaringe and W^m Browne one goulde ringe pryce twentie shillinge I gyve unto John Lewys my servaunte fortye shillinge And fynallye my funerall dyschardged my debtes payed my saied legacies beinge alowed I gyve &c. all the residue of my goodes &c. unto Anne my saied wyffe and to her sole and pper use for ever in consideracon of the singuler good wyll and love I haue and do beare unto her and uppon speciall trust that shee wylbe and remayne a lovinge and carefull naturall mother unto o^r children and the more hable to pvyde for theare good educacon my leases concerninge all lande tent^e and mylnes in Brombroughe and all my goode and chattels in Brombroughe Courte or wthin the pyssahe of Brombrough onelye excepted And for the pformance &c. I consti-

tute Anne my saied wyffe and Henrye H. my sonne my executors and doe nominate Sr George Calvey Knight overseer &c. In wytnes whereof &c. [No witnesses.]

THE WILL OF URIAN DOD OF CLEMENT'S INN,
LONDON.¹

IN the name &c. I Uryan Dod of Clemente Inne in the countie of Middt gen^t beinge sicke in bodie but of whole and pfect memorie do make this my laste will and testament in maner and forme folowinge viz. ffirste I bequethe my soule &c. Ifm I geve &c. to my two systers Marie and Jane all such lande tent^e and hereditament^e as lye and are in Standbrige wthin the countie of Bedd wiche were late purchased by my father of one Rawlins and all benefit pfit and comoditie therunto belonging in as large and ample maner as my said father had the same by purchase to haue and to hold to them the said Marie and Jane and to their heires for ever I geve &c. to my said syster Marie my cheine of goulde w^{ch} was my fathers I geve &c. to my syster Jane one of my two ringes w^{ch} was my fathers at the election and chose of my mother to delyver of them which she lysteth I geve &c. all my plate and other houseoulde goodes to the rest of my sisters not named before I geve to my mother my lease and terme of yeres of my land in Barton in the countie of Chester to haue &c. for and duryinge suche tyme as [is] yet to come and unexpired in the same lease I geve &c. to my

¹ Proved May 19, 1582. The testator was son and heir of Randle Dod of Edge co. Cest. Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Horton of Toternhoe co. Bedford, and dying without issue his estates passed to his cousin Sir Edward Dod Knt., Baron of the Exchequer of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 374.

unckell David Dod all that my tenēt wth th'app^rtenances and all
 lande &c. to the same belonging in Edge wich my father lately
 purchased of hym the said David to haue &c. the same tenēt wth
 th'app^rtenances lande &c. to hym the said David his heires and
 assignes for ev^r I geve to my said mother all other my messuage
 lande &c. whatsoev^r in Cheshire before in these p^rntē not devised to
 haue &c. to hir and her heires for ev^r I geve to Katren Kandlane
 fyve poundes To Uryan Kandlane my god sonne and brother to the
 said Katren twentie shyllinge Ifm wheras theire remeanethe in the
 hande of my unckell Bartholemewe Dod tenne poundes of myne to
 hym by me delyvered my will and meanynge is and I wold request
 hym to see the same bestowed upon my buriall and to paye such
 other charges as are disbursed for me in my sicknes I geve to M^r
 Edward Salisburie ffortie shillinge To my unckell Bartholemewe
 Dod and his wiffe fflower poundes To my chamb^r felowe Richard
 Wright all my bookes Ifm where as I owe to one Witm Pyxley
 of Chester fflowrtie shillinge I desire that my executors will see
 the same payd whome I doe nōiate and appoynt for the execu^cōn
 of this my last will and testament my said mother and my unckell
 David Dod Ifm ther is owing to me by M^r Edward Pylkington
 fflowrtie shillinge the wiche I geve to my said execut^rs Ifm where
 M^r Thomas Dod my chamb^r felowe of Clemanes Inne dothe owe
 me thirtie shillinge I will that twentie shyllinge therof shalbe
 paid to my executors and the other tene shillinge as a legacie I
 geve to hym I geve to Jhon the under buttler of Cleamence
 Inne tene shyllinge and tenne shillinge towarde the repa^cōns of
 S^t Cle^mte Church wthin whiche pshe I doe nowe lie I geve to
 M^{rs} Hall for her paynes bestowed wth me in my sickenes tene
 shillinge And lastely my will &c. is that all my lande in Shorop-
 shire and Cheshire y^t descended from my grandfather and father
 shall remayne &c. accordinge to my fathers will upon such condi-
 cōns and p^rvisoos as are in the same will containyd and I earnestelie

request my said mother that she will use all reasonabil and lawfull meanes that the same be furthered by her accordinge to my fathers will and myne And thus I end my saied will and testament the xxvjth of June A^o Dni 1580 the xxijth yere of the raigne of Elizabeth.

By me Urian Dodde.

Wittnes &c. Richard Smythe docto^r in phisicke Bartholemewe Dod of London haberdasher ffraunc^e Dod of the same cytye haberdasher Edward Salisbury off Greas Inn.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BRERETON OF
BARROW, GENTLEMAN.¹

IN the name &c. I Thomas Brereton of Barrowe in the countie of Chest^r gent. sicke in bodie but of pfecte mynde thank^e be to the Lord God do institute and make the xxjth day of July in the yeere of o^r Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fowerscore and seven this my last will and testament in manⁿ and fourme following ffirst I geve &c. my sowle into the hand^e of Almightye God my maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the pish church^e of Sherborne Saincte John in the countie of Sowth I geve &c. to my daughter Elizabeth B. my whole estate and interest w^{ch} now^e I have in a certaine lease granted me by my brother S^r John Savage Knight Dame Ellnore his wiffe and John Savage Esquier his sonne lying and being in Browne Hill in the parish of Barrowe aforesaid commonly called and knowen by the name of the Lower Howse wth

¹ Proved 14th February 1587 [1587-8]. Sir William Brereton Knt. Chamberlain of Chester, Groom of the Chamber to King Henry VIII., married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Somerset Earl of Worcester, widow of Sir John Savage of Clifton co. Cest. Knt., and was beheaded 17th May 1536. He was most probably the father of the testator. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 528, vol. ii. p. 877.

all comodities and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging for the tearme of her naturall lyfe And yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall have any yssue of her bodie lawfullie begotten living at the day of her death that then my will is the pmisses and evy pte therof shalbe and remayn to the eldest sonne w^{ch} my said daughter shall so have at the daie of her death and yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall die w^{thout} yssue male then also my will [is] that the pmisses and evy pte therof shall be and remayn to her eldest daughter w^{ch} shalbe then lyving at the daie of my said daughter Elizabeth her death and yf my said daughter Elizabeth shall die w^{thout} yssue of her bodie lawfullie begotten that then my will and meaning is that my two sonnes John B. and Wiſſm B. shall have hold occupie and enioy all myne estate tearme and interest in the said lease ioyntlie together during the said tearme Alsoe I bequeath to my twoe sonnes aforesaid John B. and Wiſſm B. to either of them foure marke a piece to be paid them by myne executrix when they shall come to y^e full age of xvjth yeares oulde And for the residue of all my goodē chattellē and debtē whatsoever af^r my debtē paid my funerall expences discharged and my legacies in this my last will and testament fulfilled I wholie geve &c. them to my said daught^r Elizabeth ffurthermore I make &c. my welbeloved in Christ Sr John Savage Knight my brother Sr Henry Bagnall Knighte Wiſſm Brereton Esquier my nephewe John Savage Esquier my brother Henry Savage Esquier and my nephewe Edward Savage Esquier my true and lawfull o^vseers of this my last will and testam^t to see the same fullie fulfilled as is aforesaid and as hereaf^r shalbe by me added unto this my will Lastlie I institute &c. my daught^r Elizabeth B. my sole and onelie executrix of this my said last will and testament In witnes hereof I the said Thomas B. have &c. in the presence of &c. John Gerrard Wiſſm Brereton Ed. Savage Edw. Shawe Humphrey Manwaring the marke of Tho^ms Hille.

Memorandum. That although I Tho^ms Brereton have made my

will under my hand and seale before herein written yet my will and meaning is that myne executrix and o^vseers shall see theis thinge herin men^coned fulfilled and p^formed in evy point first for my buriall that it be in such maner as pleaseth myne o^vseers so as foure marke be given to the pore wherof Symon Croke to have iij^s iiij^d Robt Williamson ij^s Margret Towers ij^s Also I geve to my nephew Edward Savage my virginalle I geve to my brother Henry Savage all my gunnes fowlinge piece and my stone bowe and all the imple^mente to them belonginge in token of the naturall goodwill w^{ch} hath bene betwene us I geve to Thomas Hill for his paynes taking in this my sicknes my ridinge cloake and x^s To my cosen Thomas Prestlande my blacke tuftafata hosen I geve him also my short black cloth cloake the velvet being taken out I geve unto my sister Margaret Savage a guilt sylver spoone desiringe her to be good to my children ffurthermore I will &c. that my nephewe Edward Savage and my daughter Elizabeth B. have eith^r of them a se^vall keye of my newe chest w^{ch} stande in my brother Henries howse at Barowe wherin my money writinge and some other thinge are so as the one of them shall not goe to the said chest wthout the other and that my brother Henry Savage and my nephewe Edward Savage shall take and receive aswell the profite of my tenem^t in Barowe yerelie as also all other su^mes w^{ch} are or shalbe due unto me of any manner of p^{er}son or p^{er}sons untill the daie of my said dought^rs mariage and that they shall see the same revenewes and profite both of my said farme and also all other summes w^{ch} they shall so receyve to be put up safflie in the said chest to be for the use of my said daughter and she to receive the same fully at the said daie of her mariage and yf theare be any necessarie occasion to disburse any p^{te} or p^{cell} of any part of the p^{er}misses towarde my said daughters mainten^{ce} that then such summe or su^mes so to be employed shalbe bestowed uppon her in such sort as my brother Henrie Savage and my nephewe Edward Savage shall thinke convenient or appoint and not other-

waies In witnes hereof I have the xxvth daie of July 1587 &c. Theis pcell^e followinge are to be delived of my nephewe Edward S. to my daughter Elizabeth B. Imp^rmis vj yard^e and a halfe of black satten being in two piec^e Ifm one sylver bowle w^{ch} cost me v nobles Ifm one silvⁿ salt wth a cover pcell guilt w^{ch} cost me xxx^s Ifm I geve to my brother Henry Savage one of the forenamed piec^e of black satten contayning iij yard^e and a quarter he to choose whether piece he will Thom^s Breretō W. Brereton Edward Shawe John Savage Edward Savage John Wither.

THE WILL OF ANNE BRERETON OF STRETTON,
WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. the fyfteenth daye of January in the yere of o^r Lord God 1580 and in the xxijth yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Anne Brereton of Stretton in the pishe of Tylston in the coūtye of Chester widowe beinge aged and cōsidering the tyme of death uncertaine but of pfectt whole mynd and memory God be prayسد therefore do make this my last will &c. ffirst I comēd my soule &c. and my bodye to be buryeede in the earthe under the pewe wthin the chauncell of the pishe church of Tylston I bequethe to the repacōns of the same church of Tylston x^s I gyve unto the poore people of the same pishe xl^s and other xl^s to the poore people of the towne of Hodnutte to be distributed to them at the discrecōn of my exe^c according to the necessitye of the psons I gyve to S^r Hughe Cholmondley my best horse yf my landlord do not take him for harrvyotte and if hee so doe then I gyve to hym my best yoke of

¹ Proved April 1581.

oxen I gyve to my cosen Alyce Corbette of Stoke my best gold ryng and damaske kyrtle I gyve unto my cosen Mr Wiſſm Gratewoode one old aungell and to my cosen Mary Gratewoode his wyfe one old aungell I gyve unto my cosen Thoms Wilbram of Wood[hey] Esquyer one ryall of gold To my cosen ffrance Wilbram his wyfe two ffetherbedde two fflocke bedde two bor and four pillowes two whyte blankette two red blankette ffour payre ffaxen shet wth curtens belonging to y^e [same] my best cofer or chest two dozen of napkyns of the best my best table clothe and my best towell I gyve unto my Hughe Cholmeleye Esquyer sixe silver spoones To my cosen Mr Richard Cholmley four of my kyne at wth sixe poundes xij^s iiij^d in money I gyve unto my goddaught^r Dorothe Wilbram my best gowne and two of those my kyne at W. I gyve unto my sister Brereton of Barrell my best cloth gowne To my sister Bostocke my best peticote and my velvet hat To my cosen Watson pson of Tylston two of my best kyne here at home I gyve to Alyce Haughton of Haughton wydow x^s To my goddaughter Anne Haughton two of those my kyne at Wylley I gyve unto S^r Edmund Eyton x^s To my cosen Elizabeth Baylye a payre of ffaxen sheet and to my cosen Wiſſm Baylye her brother x^s I gyve to Elizabeth Spede my servaunte behaving her selfe honestly and in good fame one fflocke bedde one boulstir two payre of sheet th'one payre of canvas th'other of redinge wth other clothes belonging thereto a table clothe a towell my second two pewter platters one brasse candlestycke one kow and one heffer I gyve to Katherine Gryffyth my servaunte behaving her selfe honestly and in good fame one fflocke bedde one boulster two payre of sheet th'one payre of canvas th'other of redinge wth other clothes belonging therto a table clothe a towell my thyrd brass potte two pewt^r plattes one brasse candlesticke one kowe and one heffer I gyve to John Farrer and John Stene my 3rd vaunte behaving them-

selves as faythfull ſvaunt unto mee to eyther of thē two kyne [of] those my kyne at Wylley and my full mynd and will is that yf Homfrey Gryffyth shall make desyre to have the twelve kyne hee now hath and will paye for the same xij kyne xx^{li} in readye money that then the same xx^{li} shalbe devyded unto the ptyes abovenamed unto whom I have bequeathed the same kyne to evy one according to his pcion I gyve towardē the mending of the brydge at Tylston xij^s iiij^d and towardē the mending of the brydge at y^e Yelde vj^s viij^d I gyve to M^{rs} Mary Manewring at Woodhaye one kowe To Hughe fferrer my god sonne x^s and to Anne fferrer my god daughter x^s To Anne Clutton my best brasse p To my god sonne John Goodde vj^s viij^d To my god daughter Anne Maddoxe vj^s viij^d I gyve to my Anne Harvye vj^s viij^d To my god daughter Anne Heskye xij^s iiij^d of that money her father oweth me I gyve &c. to Wiffm Haughton sonne of Thomas H. late of Haughton deceased all those my two burgages wth all th'app^tnēcē to the same belonging in Hodnutte to have and to hold the same wth all deedes &c. to the [said] Wiffm Haughton and his heyres for ever I gyve unto Anne Spede late my ſvaunt behaving her selfe honestlye and in good fame one flocke bedde one boulster two payre of sheetes th'one payre of canvas th'other of redinge wth other clothes belonging [to the] same a table clothe a towell a brasse pot two pewter platters one brasse candlesticke one kowe and one heffer I gyve unto Ann Spede of Tylston widow two sheepe to Bartholomew Spede ij shepe to Katherene Spede two sheepe to Jane Spede two sheepe I gyve to Ellen Calcotte the bedde that shee now lyeth in wth all those clothes that shee now hath therto belonging Ifm I will that shee have vj^s viij^d evy yeare during the space of sixe yeares next after my deceasse and yf shee fortune to dye before the sayde yeares be expyred then I will that Anne her daughter shall haue yearlye the said sixe shillingē eyght pence unto the end of the aforesayd sixe yeares I gyve unto Margaret Leeche

daughter of Wiſſm Leeche of Cheſter one kowe and one heffer I gyve to John Bathowe and Alyce Heathe my 3vaunte to eyther of them I gyve to Anne Calcotte daughter of Ellen C. one heffer To John Anyon one buſſhell of to his wyffe the nurſſe a ſhete and a platter w^{ch} I have to gage [?] My mynd and will is that ſuch houſhold ſtuffe as is pawned unto mee for certeyne ſummes of money as ſhall appeare by a note of the ſame by John Haryſon of Barton that yf hee ſhall redeme the ſame to his owne uſe that my exe^c ſhall let hym haue the ſame agayne paying therefor as ſhall appeare by the note I gyve unto his wyffe one buſhell [of] barlye and one ſtryke [of] wheate All the reſt of my goodē my funerall expence being diſcharged my debttē payde and all other charges borne and allowed of the whole I gyve &c. to my executors of this my laſt will and teſtament my coſens hereafter named to be equally devyded amongſt them ffynally I ordeyne and make my executors of this my laſt will and teſtament my coſens Hughe Cholmley Eſquyer Thomas Wilbram of Woodhaye Eſquyer and my coſen Robt Watſon pſon of Tylſton I doe praye and deſyre Hughe Cholmley to be overſeer &c. Theſe beying witneſſes Wiſſm Bathowe John ffarrer Robart Walton Phillippe Cappur wth others.

THE WILL OF RICHARD RAWSTORNE OF THE LUMME, GENT.¹

IN y^e name &c. The xxij day of Januarie año Dñi 1592
[1592-3] I Richard Raustorne of the Lumme in the piſh of

¹ Proved May 2nd, 1593. Richard Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married Ellenor, daughter and co-heiress of Richard Ormerod, and had issue Edward, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Rawstorne of Newhall Esq.; Adam, who married

Burie and countie of Lauñ being something greeved wth sicknes but of good and pfect mynd and memorie laud and praise bee unto Almightye God make and ordaine this my p^sent testament concerning heerein my last will in manner and forme folowing that is to say first I bequaith my soule to Almightye God my maker and Redeemer and by the merite of Christe passion I trust to be one of the number of them that shalbe saved att the day of judgment and my bodie to be buried by the discretion of my executours It is my full mynde and will that my goodē shalbe equally devyded into ij ptē the one pt for myselfe and the other part for my three children to wit Richarde Henry and Anne Raustorne and of that part belonging to mee I geve and bequaith unto Edward R. my sonne towe boardē standing in the hall with formes to them belonginge fowre standing bedde one great brasse pott a brasen mortar vij silver spoones one great ark standing in the little chamber above to bee and remaine as heire lomes att the capitall house of the Lumme I geve &c. unto Edward my said sonne all my furniture and armoure my best waine and best yorne [iron] teame my best paire of clevis¹ my best plowe my best harrowe and of all other worklomes for husbandrie one of the best the best horse or mare one peece of gould being xx^s my velvet girdle my pocked dagger and my worst cloake I geve &c. unto Anne my daughter xx^{li} w^{ch} M^r Raustorne oweth unto mee I geve unto everie child to whome I am godfather xij^d If I geve &c. unto everie servant I have one ewe I geve &c. unto Agnes my bastard daughter xx^{li} w^{ch} M^r Raustorne owethe unto me due to bee payed unto the said Agnes when shee shall accomlishe the age of xvij yeares or els doe come to mariage and if so be shee die before the tyme p^scribed my sonne Edward

Grace, daughter of Gilbert Rishton; Richard, Henry, and Anne wife of Edward Heymer [Hamer] of Buckden.—From the Family Pedigree in 1737. See the testator's father's will, p. 168, Second Portion.

¹ *Clevey*, a species of draft iron for a plough. — *Halliwel*.

to have the said xx^{li} And unto the tyme that shee shall accomplish the said yeares or els doe marie my sonne Edward to allowe the said Agnes xl^s yearly toward^e hir bringing uppe or els doe keepe hir sufficiently wth meat drinke and apparell It is my will that if Edward R. my sonne do take the pfitt of the barkhouse before Michaelmas that then the said Edward is to pay for the pfitt theareof unto my executoures vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d due to bee payed att the feast of the purification of Mary w^{ch} shalbe in the yeare of oure Lord God 1593 or els doe suffer them to occupie it quietly I geve &c. unto Ralph Hoult one sute of my worst apparell To Edward Nuttall a paire of gray breeches laid wth vj laces and one dublet of milion fustion and my best paire of netherstock^e saving one To Rogger Pilkington one paire of linnen breeches cutt To my sonne Henry my best cloake best dublet best jirkin and my best hose To William Pilkington one dublet of cutt canvas and one paire of new shooes To Henry Raustorne of the Kyrcroft^e y^e best paire of boot^e To Lawrence Whitaker a paire of shooes I geve to my daughter in lawe att the Newhall my syde saddle wth harnish belonging theareto I geve unto my daughter Anne hir mothers best gowne and best hat lynes wth velvet I geve unto Anne Duckworthe the best heffer calfe calved since Christmas I geve unto Ralph Hoult my worst boot^e and to Thomas Boothe my ryding saddle If after my deceasse I geve &c. all the rest of my pt of good^e my dett^e payed and funerall expenses discharged and these legacies above rehersed unto Henry my sonne and Anne my daughter equallie to bee devyded betwixt them I ordaine constitute and make Henry my sonne and Anne my daughter my true and lawfull executoures to execute pforme and fulfill this my last will &c. I desyre Thomas Nuttall of Tottington to bee the overseer &c. and unto him do I geve my best bagge and my henger These wittnesses John Cowopp Edmond Pilkington and John Raustorne.

Among "dettē which I owe" is y^e following "To the newe churche of Rossendale iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Among "dettē owing unto mee" M^r Raustorne xx^{li} John Grinalghe Esquire iij^{li} Robart Houlden Esquire vj^s viij^d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD CHOLMONDELEY,
THE YOUNGER.¹

MD. that I Ri^c Cholmeley the yong^r make my will the xvth day of June M. Richarde as ffolowth In Dei &c. ffyrst I bequest my sowle to Almyttey God If my dettē to be payd for the payment whiereoff my howsold to be brokyn incontinent aft^r my decesse and my dettē paid in all possible hast and the resydue theroff to be occupied by will hereaft^r foloying ffyrst I bequeth xx^s to be disposed by the discrecōn off my Bromley of Norbure as I have shewed them by mowth and other xx^s in have S^r Wi^lm Venables or sū other gode prest by the discrecōn. of myne executors to synge for call for me oñ yere continēt aft^r my decesse And also the second yere aft^r to syng fore me streeche ffor my dettē payd and to syng at such placē as myn executors will appoynt If I beq to the [ma]kyng of Malpas church xx^s If to the makyng of Wrenbury church xx^s Ifm I bequeth to the grey ffreris of Chester vj^s viij^d and to all that other ordurs off ffreris there evy howse xv^d Ifm I bequeth to my serūnts to be rewarded as ffolowis To Tho^ms Bromley of Norbure my best long gowne

¹ No date of probate. Richard, son of William Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley Esq., married Ellen, daughter of John Davenport of Davenport Esq., and was ancestor of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, and of Hugh Baron Delamere, of Vale Royal. His inquisition post mortem was taken 4 Henry VII. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 352, 356.

To Wiſſm Marchūley the ij^{de} long gown to Riċ Bebyngton the iij^{de} long gowne to Thoṁs Tatnall the iiijth long gowne and all the remand of myn array to be delt ymong my ſerūntē by the discrecōn of myn executors Iſm I bequeth to David Māryng a calf off a twelmoth age Iſm to Rondull Māryng in lyke wiſe Iſm to Robyn Wade in like wiſe Iſm to Riċ Heth my mylñ in like wiſe [other ſimilar bequeſts nearly obliterated] yff they dwell w^t me the tyme of my deceſſe an els not Iſm my will is that the warde of Egg²ton w^t all the londē dewe to me by reſon theroff be occupide by myn executors and a preſt to be ffoūde yerely duryng the nownage of the heyre to p^ye for my ſowle my ffathers ſowle and my moders ſowle and for the ſowles off the aunceſtors of Egg²ton afore deceſſid and all the o^vplus to be diſpoſed parte for my ſowle parte to my wiſſ to the kepyng of my children and parte to my brether by the discrecōn of myn executors And my will is that Phelip Egg²ton¹ be married unto Mawde my doght^r by myn executors If I make my executors my maſt^r Sir Wiſſm Stanley and the abbot off Cumburmeyre and to have Thoṁs Bromley of Norbury Wiſſm Marchūley and Riċ Bebyngton y^e elder under them to pforme this my will and to take my ſaid mayſt^r and lorde abbot will appoynt them hertely beſechyng them and on Goddē behalf chargeyng [them] to execute thys my will Be hit remēbered that I haue rehersið thys my will afore Thoṁs Bromley Wiſſm Marchūley and Riċ Bebyngton fore the more ſurete Written w^t myn one honde the ſaid xvth day of June and my ſeall ſetto Richarde Cholmondley the yong^r.

Extracts from "all ſuch dettē as I Riċ Cholmeley owe" To the

¹ Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton (ward to Richard Cholmondeley by grant of the king 10th Auguſt 1 Richard III.) married Joanna, daughter and coheireſſ of Gilbert Smith of Cuerdley co. Lanc. and widow of Richard Winnington of Winnington, by whom he had a ſon, Sir Philip Egerton Knight, anceſtor of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton of Oulton Bart. M.P. His poſt mortem inquiſition was held 26 Henry VIII. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 350-1.

abbot of Cumbermere for Burlond teyth and Chorley teyth ^{On} To my brother Thoms Hynton To Wifm Birkē [of Chester] for iij yardē of blewe that S^r Wifm Venables had vij^s For a payre of botē to honde[?] my childe xij^d For a payre shon to my self vid To Aston a sadler dwellyng in Aldursgate strete in London To my brother Rondull To my brother Hugh To my brother Stury To my sist^r Marie Thornes for ij yards of damaske xvj^s.

THE WILL OF ROBERT RAVALD OF
KERSALL, YEOMAN.¹

IN the name &c. I Roberte Ravalde of Kersalle in the prishe of Manchester in the countie of Lanċ yoman beinge sicke and diseasedd in bodey but of good remembrannce prayse be unto Allmightie God y^rfore knowinge deathe to bee c^tayne to ev^y man and the tyme and howre most uncertayne beyinge mynded for advoydinge of further troble to sett suche thingē in a redynes as yt hath pleased God to endowe me withall do make this my p^rsente testament concerninge herin my last will in manner and forme followinge That is to saie first and principallie I commytte and bequethe my soule into the handes of Allmightie God my creatour trustinge by the myerettē of Christes passionn to be one of y^e number of y^e electe

¹ Proved April 1578. Robert Raval, ancestor of a highly respectable family formerly resident in Manchester and the neighbourhood, was buried at the Collegiate Church, 27 February, 1577-8. He married Anne, daughter of Robert Wroe of Heaton, yeoman. Her sister Jane was the wife of Henry Chetham of Crumpsall, the father of Humphrey Chetham Esq., the Founder. — *Lanc. MSS.* Mr. Whatton, in his *History of the Chetham Hospital and Library*, p. 129, states that Henry Chetham married *Margaret*, daughter of *Roger Wroe*, which the will of Robert Wroe, dated 7 December 8 Elizabeth and proved at Chester 25 February 1565-6, shows to be erroneous.

And my bodye to be buried in the prishe church or church yord of Manchester or elsewhere wheare yt shall please God to dispose yt My funerall expences and my dettē shalbe first payd of my wholle goodes and that doune yt is my will that the reste of my goodes savinge instrumentē belonginge to husbandrye shalbe devided into foure equall partes amongste foure of my yonger childrenn whereof I bequethe one parte to Jane my doughter the seconnde parte to my doughter Katheranne the thirde parte to my doughter Margaret and the ffourthe parte to my sonne Richard R. I owe to my sonne and heir Robert Ravalde the sūme of fyve poundes Also I owe to my sister Elizabeth Ravalde tenne poundē I geve &c. unto my sonne Robert Ravalde a meale arke a malte arke one coffer that was my fathers and all my cartes waynes wheles ploughes harrowes axes nogars spades and shovels and all my other instrumentē belonginge unto husboundrye I owe to Jamys Marecroft fourtie two shillingē sexpence I owe unto Edmond Heywood nyne poundes to be paid to hym upon the feast daie of Philippe and Jacob¹ next Henry Munckē dothe owe me fyfty three shillingē iiij^d Jamys Cromptonn of Darcy Lever dothe owe me elevenn poundē and twelve shillingē remainder of a greater sūme as by his bill of dett dothe appeare Also y^e said Jamys Cromptonn and Withm Hyndley of the Chowbent are indebted unto me elevenne poundē the remainder of fourtye two poundes as by a bill of their handes more plainlye dothe appeare Robert Chadwicke of Ratchdale prishe dothe owe me for xv^{no} peces of cottons sextene poundes xvij^s and vj^d Lauraunce Fogge oweth me for xiiij^{ten} peeses of cottons foure-tenne poundes xvij^s viij^d to be paid upon the feast day of Philippe and Jacob next Robert Corker dothe owe me ffourtie shillingē Also Jhonn Dowsoun hath a cove of myne in his custodie Also I hartelye praie and desire and by this my p^sent testament I make my lovinge ffrendes my welbeloved in Christe Richarde

¹ St. Philip and St. James' day, 1st of May.

Wroe and Jhon Crapre my executors and I desire my lovinge
 frendes Henrye Chetham and Wiffm Crabtree to be ovseers willinge
 them to see this my p̄sent testemente in all thinges pformedd In
 wytnes wherof I have to this my said last will put my hand and
 seall the xxth day of ffebruarye in the xxth yeare of the reigne of
 oʀ most gracious soʋaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. And in the p̄sence
 of us Wiffm Ravalde Riċ Worslaie Robert Dunkerlay Jhonne
 Selater Robte Stengerr Robte Wiffm Ravalde of Prestwich.

Signūm Robert Ravalde

+ Senioris.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BAXTER, RECTOR OF
 ST. PETERS, CHESTER.¹

..... the iiijth day of June in the yere of oʀ Lord
 God a thousand fyve hundreth and sixe and throtty That I Syr
 Thomas Bax^t p̄son of the churche of Seynt Peturs in West Chest^r
 seke in body and holle in mynde make my last will and testament
 on this forme folowyng ffyrst I bequethe my saule unto Almyghty
 God and to oʀ lady Seynt Mare and to all the seyntyts in hevyn and
 my body to be beryet in the same churche of Seynt Peter in the
 schaunsell afore the high ault^r I gyff and bequethe unto the same
 churche of Seynt Peters towarde the byldyng of y^e uvilys [*sic*] x^{li}
 I gyff &c. unto the howse of Seynt Ursula vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d I gyff &c.
 unto ioche on of the almys men and wemē in the howse of the
 forsaid Seynt Ursula eʋy on of theym xvj^d I gyff &c. unto eʋy on
 there howsys iij^s iiij^d I gyff &c. unto Seynt Anne
 chapell in Seynt Johis my best suete of clothis I gyff &c. unto the

¹ No date of probate. He was instituted to the rectory of St. Peter's, Chester,
 8 August 1511. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 261.

chapell of Seynt Ursula my other suete of clothis [and] a hangyng of sylke for the au^l I gyff &c. unto the aforesaid Seynt Ursula chapell ng of groyte and redde chamlett I gyff &c. unto my lady Smythe¹ Mayerys my grettyst coufer Unto Maystrys Daveson my secunde coufer I gyff &c. unto my kyndeswom rese dwellyng in Oswalstrete my iij^d coufer I gyff &c. unto Roger Glo^v and his wyff nter Unto Thom^s Byrkynhedde my rounde table of spruce I gyff &c. unto Anne Dymmok my lytell spruce coufer a payre of schetys of ij bredys and an halfe I gyff &c. unto Laurens Smythe my frokke of blake chamlett Unto Andrew Smythe my jakett w^t slevys of tawne chamlett Unto Thom^s Smythe sonne of Sir Thom^s Smythe knyght a dowblett of blake chamlett I gyff &c. forsaid Thom^s Smythe a saye jakett furret w^t groyte lambe Unto George Smy t of unwatteryt chamlett a saye jaket lynyt cypurrys Unto Edward Smythe and Irean Smythe ather of theym iij^s iij^d o bye theym a cote Unto M^garete Glo^v ij gwylyks I gyff &c. unto Elyn Smythe dought^r to S^r Thom^s Smythe knyght a flokke bedde and a paire of schetys of ij bredys [and] vj^s viij^d towarde a gowne I gyff &c. unto Ursula Smythe a fether bedde a bouster ij blankette and a paire of schetys of ij bredys and an half [and] a velvett tepett I gyff &c. unto Thom^s Smythe the redde velvet bagge brothurryt above w^t golde I gyff &c. unto the stepull of Seynt Johis vj^s viij^d Unto the reparatōns of Seynt Brydys church vj^s viij^d I gyff &c. unto an Thomas and Jamys evy on of theym vj^s viij^d I gyff &c. unto a sonne of the forsaid dame

¹ Sir Thomas Smith of Hough Knt., Mayor of Chester in 1535-6 (died 1 July 1538) married Katherine, daughter of Sir Andrew Brereton of Brereton Knt., and had issue six sons, Lawrence Smith of Hough, his son and heir, knighted at Leith in 1544; Andrew, Thomas, George, Edward and Urian, and three daughters, Ursula, wife of Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, Knt.; Bridget, wife of Robert, son and heir of Thomas Fulleshurst, of Crewe; and Ellen, not named in the pedigree. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 260.

ij grete half portuys and iij other bokys Unto evy on of S^r Tho^ms Smythe ³vaunt^e unto all suche that byn ³vaunt^e in his howse wthin the cytie xij^d a pece Unto S^r John Hale pst a gowne that ys dowbull lynyt I gyff &c. unto S^r Petur Blake a gowne unlynyt fased a fore w^t worsted Unto S^r Withm Stryngfelow a gowne lynyt w^t calubur Unto S^r Jamys Rychardson pst of Seynt Ursula chapell a gowne lynyt w^t foxe I gyff &c. unto Tho^ms the clerke of Seynt Peturs in Chest^r a schorte gowne I gyff &c. grete Glov^{er} xx^s Unto M^r David Myddylton a grete velvet bagge Unto S^r Tho^ms Pynchware my best cappe Unto S^r Withm Horsemā my cappe Unto Tho^ms Byrkynhedde a paire of schetys of ij bred^e I gyff &c. unto the cōvent of the monest^r of Chest^r a cremysyn gowne w^t a hudde to the same Unto evy on of M^r Daveson ³vaunt^e suche as byn in his howse wthin the cytie xij^d I gyff &c. unto David Jeansonne my best surplys Unto John Gosset ³vaunt to Richard Lymme vj^s viij^d Unto Elesabeth Mo^{nt}ferde iij^s iiij^d Unto Elesabeth Fleecher and Elyn Arasmythe of the howse of Seynt Ursula ather of theym viij^s I gyff &c. unto Ursula Smythe a covyng of denbeygh worke. Unto Elyn Smythe dought^r to S^r Tho^ms Smythe a covlett Unto M^{rs} garete Glov^{er} iij qwyschyns I gyff &c. unto the forsaid Elyn Smythe iij qwyschyns Unto Jenet Apprese of Oswold strete a mātell Unto Ursula Smythe a testor that hengythe o^v my bedde I gyff &c. unto M^r Archedecon for my mortuary a stondyng cuppe of sil^v dowbull gylt Itm for the pba- tion of my testamēt x^s I gyff &c. unto Kateryn Pkyn and on Hale ather of them xij^d Unto Tho^ms Myl^l xij^d I gyff &c. dame M^{rs} garete Chaladye iij^s iiij^d Unto Tho^ms Byrkynhedde a staffe w^t a sworde Unto Sir Tho^ms Warnecham a damaske jaket I gyff &c. Goubrun so^{ne} unto Tho^ms Goubrun v^s I gyff &c. Jone Goubrun dought^r unto e Tho^ms Goubrun xij^d Unto Alys Yonge a pair of schetys of ij bred^e Unto Jane Low dought^r unto Ri^{ch} Low xij^d Unto John ap Tho^ms ap Prese of

Oswald strete a pollaxe I gyff &c. unto Sr John Hale my cupburde half my pent^r half my glassis and ou by hondsee dysch I gyff &c. unto Rauff Godemā the other half of my pent^r and the other half of my glassis and ou by hondsee dystche I will that my best gownys and ij covyngis be solde to the utt^r muste and to be devydyd to pore ffoukis I will that [there] shall be spendyt upon my beryall in brede and ale iiij^{li} and to the clergie iiij m^{ks} I will that all thos lande and tenemēt^e wthin the cite of Chest^r which we^r my ffathurs whose soule God pdon goo and be hadd to suche use and will as apperith by the testamēt of my said ffath^r In wittenes his my last will I make Sr John Hale and Rauff Godemā myne executurs and Sr Tho^ms Smythe knyght Daveson ald^omā myne o^vseers these psons beyng p^sent and beryng whittenes Tho^ms Byrkynhedde Jamys Ric^{son} chaplen John Throppe Tho^ms Mays Roger Glo^v and others I wyll forth^r p^sent will that the resedue of my gode o^v the charges above wrytyn iff they wilbe put to the use and fyndyng of an almes mā in Seynt Ursula howse in Chest^r for ev^{er} to of the said Sr Tho^ms Bax^t his ffath^r and moth^r soules and all crystyn soules

P me Thomā Bax^t Rectorē ecclie Sci Pet^r Cestrē.

THE WILL OF ROGER LEIGH, RECTOR OF LYMME.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xvij day of June in the yere of o^r lorde God a thowsande fyve hundred ffyftie [one] and

¹ Roger Leigh, Rector of Lymme, was the fifth son of Thomas Leigh of West Hall in High Legh Esq. by Dowse daughter of Sir William Booth of Dunham Massey Knt. His half sister Jane was the wife of Thomas Sankey of Little Sankey co. Lancaster gent. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 353.

in the ffyest yere of the reigne of o^r most dredde sovereigne lorde
 Edwarde the syxt by the grace &c. I Rog^d Leghe pson of the halfe
 churche of Lymme within the countie of Chest^d of gud and pfyte
 remembrance considering that deathe is certen and the tyme and
 un^dten make my testament &c. I comende my saule
 unto God the ffather allmyghtie and my bodye to be buried in the
 grounde w[ithin] the chauncell of Lymme in sure and certen hoepe
 of resurreccōn to eternall lyffe throughe o^r lorde Jh . . . Ohryst I
 bequeythe to Alys Leghe dought^d of Jankyn Leghe decessed ffourtie
 shylllynges a fether bed ij cov^dlettes a matres a payre of sheetes ij
 potenchers ij charg^s and one of the best chaundellers To Anne
 Leghe fourtie shylllynges a matres a payre of sheetes ij cov^dlettes ij
 potenchers ij chargers and one of the least chaundellers To Rog^d
 Gandye son of Wythm Gandye a cove To Jane Gandie a cove To
 Ryč Leghe the son of Jankyn Leghe twentie shylllynges a matres a
 payre of sheetes ij cov^dlettes a bolster a doublet a payre of hoese and
 a jerkyn I gyf &c. Thōs Gandye and to Wythm Gandie hys brother
 eyther of them a weynyng calfe To Rauffe Merie xij^s iiij^d and my
 jaket of ffryseadoe To Anne Wylleshaghe xij^s iiij^d To Quince
 Leghe a matres a payre of sheetes of flaxen ij cov^dlettes ij charg^s ij
 potenchers and one of the least chandellers To Rič Leghe the son
 of Marten Leghe vj^s viij^d To Rog^d hys brother vj^s viij^d To Johan
 the dought^d of Thōs ffernehed v^s To Rog^d the son of Rauffe
 Wyll^mson xij^d To Rog^d the son of Rycharde Wyll^mson xij^d
 To Rog^d the son of George Leghe xij^d To Rog^d the son of Vane
 ffernehed viij^d To evy other god chylde that I have within the
 pareshe of Lymme iiij^d To Elyn Peycocke and Elyn Bradshaghe
 xij^d To Mawde Reisse iiij^d To Rycharde Bradburne iiij^d To
 Robert Boethe euther a jaket or ij^s iiij^d To Isaebell Addeshed viij^d
 To Margaret Allen iiij^d To the wyffe of John Bradshaghe iiij^d
 To Hamnet Huet iiij^d To Jankyn Rowlandson vj^d To Rauffe
 Wyll^mson a payre of hoese To Elsabethe Gandye my best panne

during all hyr lyffe and aft^r hyr deceasse to Johan hyr doughtⁿ And also to the seid Elsabeth Gandie a ffetherbedde ij cov^lettes iij pothenchers ij charg^s and one of the best chaundellers To Syr John ffernehed¹ my gowne To Wyllm Gandie my wolstedde clocke To Tho^s ffernehed my clocke of habynton to Margaret hys wyffe a cov^let the best potte one except and ij potenchers To Tho^s Sonkye my god son my best potte To thre doughtⁿs of Tho^s Sonkye my brother in lawe them vj^s viij^d To Johan Leghe doughtⁿ of Hānet Leghe ij^s To Hānet Leghe my best jaket o the late wyffe of Marten Leghe decessed a bushell of barlie and an other of oetes I gyf &c. les Meir doughtⁿ of Wyllm Meir esquier x^s To the seid Wyllm Meer xx^{ti}s and the bedde hengyng wherin I lye To Hamnet Leghe xx^{ti}s To Syr John ffernehed xx^{ti}s I gyf &c. to Rycharde Leghe of Heleghe [High Legh] esquier vj of my best syl^v spoenes To Tho^s Sonkye my brother[in law] and to my syst^r Johan hys wyffe my syl^v salt for the terme of theire lyffes and aft^r theire deceasse onkye theire son to remeyne at the howse of Sonkye for an heyre loome ffurthermore it is my wyll that if the seides Rič Leghe Tho^s Sonkye the eld^r or outh^r of them or any other sones to whom I have gyffen or bequeythed any legacie doe in any wyse sue or trowble my executors or demande any others my goodes or catalles bot suche herin ave gyffon and bequeythed to them that then they shall have noe part n^o porcōn of my goo[ds] bot shalbe uttly excludet from the sames I wyll that aft^r y^t my bodie shalbe broght to christen bureall ses ordynarie costes legacies debtes and all other lawful expenses fully done and discharged en all the residewe of my goodes if there shall any remeygne shalbe disposed amonges the pore folkes [of the] pareshe of Lymme by the discrecōn of my execu-

¹ 20th August, 1565, Richard Tailior was presented to a mediety of the Rectory of Lymme, vacant by the death of John Fernhead, by Richard Leigh of High Leigh Esq. From the registry, Chester.

tours pvidet always that if my executours shalbe vexed troubled or sued for any mat^r or thyng or if my goedes wyll not extende to the performance of all the p^rmys then my wyll is that my executours shall rate and dymynyshe all my leg[acies] af^r suche man^r as my executours may be saved harmeles and as my goedes wyll extende.

[The rest illegible.]

THE WILL OF HENRY STARKIE OF
AUGHTON, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. the xxvth day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand fyve hundreth neentie and three I Henrie Starkie of Aughton within the Count of Lan^c gen^t sicke in bodie but whole of mynd and of p^rfect memorie laud and praise bee unto God therarfore doe make ordeyne and declare this my last will &c. first of all and principallie I bequeth my soule unto Almighty God trustinge onely to bee saved by the meritt^e death and passion of the Immaculate Lambe Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer And my will ys to bee buried within the church at Aughton in that place whear myne ancetors have beene buried theare Secondarilie that all my debt^e legacies and funerall expence^e shalbe dischardged by myne executors upon my whole good^e I give unto Lawrence Lawes the sonne of Rob^te Lawes who I have brought upp tenne pound^e to bee payed unto him wthin one half year next after my decease And I desire my sonn and heir John S. to have and keepe both the saide Lawrence and his tenne pound^e untill hee shalbe of

¹ Proved February 2nd, 1593 [1593-4]. Henry son of John Starkey of Aughton gent. descended from Starkey of Stretton co. Cest. married Isabel daughter of Edward Radclyffe of Todmorden Esq. The family entered a pedigree of six descents at the Visitation in 1664-5.

yeares of discreçon that by law hee may have the same unlesse in the meane tyme the said x^{li} bee putt forth by the said John for the commoditie of the said Lawrence I geve &c. unto Lawrence S. my sonn three pounde seexe shillinge eight pence to bee payed unto him within one quarter of a year next after my decease And hee to have noe more by reasonn I have made and geven unto him foure markē in rentē yearlie duringe his lyfe Unto Ellen S. my sister tenne shillinge Unto John S. my sonn twoo longe boorde and formes in the hall Ifm I geve more unto him one skrine in the hall And yt is my will that the said borde formes and skrine shall hereafter remayne as heireloomes unto the heires of this house All the rest of my goodē debte reckninge and demandē I geve &c. unto my three doughters that is Ellen Ellner and Margrett S. and eich of them to have alike pte thearof I crave and most humblie desyre the right woorschipfull Sr Richard Molnex knight to bee supervisor of this my last will &c. Lastly I doe make &c. executors my beloved felowe and verie frend John Lathom of Derbye and John Starkie of Aughton my sonn &c. Witnes James Hartley clerke John Starkye Ellen Starkie.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MASSEY OF DENFIELD, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. the xvjth daie of September anno regni dñæ Elizabethæ reginæ &c. xxxiiij I William Massie of Denfield in

¹ Proved November 3rd, 1591. William son and heir of Hugh Massey of Audlem and Denfield gent. by Jane daughter of Thomas Smith of Hough Esq. married Jane daughter of Richard Prestland and had issue Hugh Massey his son and heir. The other children mentioned in the text are omitted in Ormerod's pedigree of the family. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 247.

the countie of Chester gentlemā beinge sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorye (God be praysed therefore) do ordaine &c. first I give and bequeath my soule unto Almighty God my creator trustinge to be saved by the pious blood shedinge of his sonn Christ and my bodie to christian buriall I give &c. to Hugh Massy my sonn and heyer all waynscott bordes formes cheares stooles quiahens standing and being in the hall and pler and all glasse in and about my howse and also all my waynes cartē plowes harrowes and all other husbandry wares and also one yoke of my best oxen and the best bedd in my howse wth the furniture thereof It is my will that Jane Massie my wyff shall have the one half of the rest of my goodē and chattells in discharge of her porcōne to her belonginge according to the custome of the cuntrey I give &c. unto Withm M. Richard M. Geffray M. Thomas M. Edward M. and Ann M. my childrē to evy of thē twelve pence in full discharge of their childē ptē of my goodē All the rest of my goodē cattalls &c. (my debtē funeralls and legasyes first discharged) I give to the said Hugh M. my sonne and heyer I do give &c. all my manors mesuagē landē tenem^{te} &c. in Denfield Alden and Wrenbury in the countie of Chester or els where in the realm of England to the saide Hugh M. his heirs and assignes for ever upon condi^{cō} notwthstandinge that the said Hugh M. his heyers or assignes shall upō the [day] of mariage of the said Ann Massy my doughter (yf the said Ann do mary by and wth the consent of the said Hugh M.) pay to the said Ann M. one [hun]dred poundes And that the said Hugh M. or his heyers shall wthin the space of on whole year next after my decease pay to the said Geffray M. my sonn tenn poundē and unto the said Thomas M. my sonn thirtie poundē And unto the said Edward M. my sonn thirty poundē wthin the space of two years next after my decease at on whole paym^t and wthout anie fraud or covine And yf it happen the said Hugh M. or his heyers or assignes to make default of paym^t of all or anie of the somes of money appoynted to be payd &c. [power

of entry into the said lands is here given] It is my will that yf it happē the same Withm Geffray Thom̄s and Edward M. or anie of thē to fall into necessity or sicknes not having wherwth to relieve or menteyne themselves that then such of them so being in necessity shalbe relyved and mantayned wth dyat apparell and other necessaries by the said Hugh M. or his heyers I geve unto everie servaunt that is wth me at the hower of death w^{ch} hath served me two yeares one halfe years wages Unto Richard M. my sonne the bull calffe I geve my daughter Anne M. the chest that standeth over the parlor Unto the poore of the towne ten shillinge to be distributed accordinge unto M^r vicare his discretion I geve Withm Cooke my marble hose Unto Hugh Hunt my browne jerkyne and browne hose Unto Alyce Worrall my blacke cloake w^{ch} is lyned in the collar wth the same Unto Thomas Hunt v^s Unto Hugh Dychfeld v^s And of this my last will I ordeyne &c. executors my said wyffe Jane M. and my sonne Hugh M. and my brother in law Withm Prestlande overseer to pforme &c. Sealled and delivered in &c. Alexander Holme John Chadocke Withm Cooke + wth others

William Massie.

THE WILL OF DOROTHY WIDOW OF JOHN
BOOTH OF BARTON ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. the vij daye of August in y^e yere of o^r Lord God
a thousand fyve hundreth fiftie and thre I Dorithie Bothe

¹ No date of probate. Dorothy daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. was the second wife of John Booth of Barton Esq. (see his will *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 14) and had issue Dorothy wife of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. and John Booth her son and heir, who, by Anne daughter of Sir Richard Brereton of Worsley Knt. had an only son John Booth of Barton Esq. He married at Mid-

widowe late wife of John Bothe of Barton apon Irwill in y^e cou^{ntie} of Lancast^r esquire deceassed beyng in pfect mynd &c. first and p^rncipally I comēd my soule unto y^e hande of Allmyghtie God my creature [*sic*] and maker and of our ladie Saynt Marie and of all y^e holie company of heaven and I will y^t my bodie shalbe buried in y^e pishe church of Eccles w^{thin} or as neare unto y^e grave or place where the bodie of my son John Bothe latly deceassed lieth buried as cōveyenly may be and as touching y^e exposition of all and singuler my movable goode cattels and dett^e it is my will and mynd y^t Robart Both my lovyng nephe and my right trustie and feythfull frend Lawrenc Asshawe gentillman shall have all my sayd good^e cattells and debt^e y^t the shall cōverte use and employ y^e same for y^e charging of my funerall expensis and likewise for satisfaccion of my debt^e and legacies hereaft^r specified and expressed and oth^rwise of the pforma^{cion} of this my testamēt and last will and first I bequeth to my sist^r Bothe of Dūh^m xj sil^v spones To my cosen Robart Both a younge mare y^t was off my mare y^t died To Lawrence Asshawe a bed of downe w^t bolst^r and pillowes and all thinge to y^e bed belonging To Jane Bradshawe xl^s To S^r Hughe Cowhope xl^s To Thom^s Mathew xxvj^s viij^d To Henri Lingard xx^s To Thom^s Reyne xij^s iiij^d To Thom^s Chāberleyne xxvj^s viij^d I will y^t my smock^e and kerchifes shalbe devidid among my servūnt women as shall heppen to dwell w^t me at ye tyme of my deceasse I will y^t S^r Hughe Cowpe and Jane Bradshaw shall eth^r of them have a blake

dleton 22nd November, 1547, Anne daughter of Sir Richard Assheton of Middleton Knt. who died without issue, and secondly Ellen daughter of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme by whom he had four daughters and coheireses, Margaret aged fifteen 18 Eliz. (the date of her father's post mortem inquisition) married Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt.; Anne aged thirteen married George Legh of High Legh Esq.; Dorothy aged twelve (buried at Eccles 9 January, 1624-5) married first John Molyneux brother of Sir Richard Molyneux of Sefton Knt. and secondly Edward younger son of William Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq.; and Katherine aged eleven 18 Eliz. who died unmarried.

² Elizabeth sister of the testatrix married George Booth of Dunham Massey Esq.

gowne and Thom's Mathew Henrie Lingard Thom's Rene and Thom's Chäberleyr shall ev of them have a blake cotte agaynst my buriall and wheras by ctene indentures made betwen me y^e sayd Dorithie one y^e one pte and James Scarsbreke¹ my son in law one oth^r pte the sayd James hathe agreed and granted to paye yerely to me y^e sayd Dorithie or to such pson as by me shalbe named and appoynted to have y^e exhibicion and fynding of Dorithie my dought^r wife to y^e sayd James ten pounde of lawfull money yerely at y^e feast^e of Pentecoste and Saynt M^oty n y^e busshoppe in win^t or wⁱn fortie dayes next aft^r evy of y^e sayd feastes yerely by even porcions as by y^e same endentures whereoff y^e date is y^e xxvj daye of Aprill in y^e firste yere of y^e reygne of o^r late so^vaygne lord kynge Edward y^e sixte more at large may appere it is my will and mynd y^t my sayd dought^r Dorithie shalbe at y^e govⁿance rule order &c. of my sayd sist^r Bothe of Dūⁿm my lovyng cosins Thom's Boteler esquer Robart Tatton esquire and Ri^c Sutton esquire and of the survyvor of them and I will y^t if it shall happen y^t my sayd son Scarsbreke shall not make peymēt yerely of such somes of money as by y^e same indentures &c. but shall fayle in peymēt y^of and shall happen also y^t any expensis shalbe made in sute at y^e law or oth^rwise by my execut^re for y^e reco^v y^of that then all such cost^e &c. shalbe sustened by my sayd lovyng cosins Robt Bothe and my sayd frend Lawrence Asshawe of my whole good^e &c. It is my will that all y^e residue of my sayd good^e and cattels w^{ch} shall happen to remene o^v my funerall dett^e and legacies payed shalbe wholly ymployed by my execut^re for y^e helpe and releafe of Alis Bothe dought^r [of] my sayd late husband John Bothe and of Ri^c Bothe and Marie Bothe bast children of my sayd [husband] John Bothe deceased in such wise as by my sayd execut^re shalbe thought most mete and convenient It is my will y^t my sayd execut^re shall not be bunden to deliv^r to y^e sayd Alis Bothe Ri^c Bothe and Marie Bothe or to any of the any

¹ See *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 183.

pte or pcell of my goodē untill y^e terme of ten yeres next ensuyng my deceasse shalbe fully past duryng all which terme my execut^r shall kepe y^e residue of my sayd goodē in y^o handē for defence of all such sutes as shall happen towching y^e exhibicion of my sayd dought^o Dorithie I will y^t if it shall happen y^t y^e sayd Alis Bothe Rič Bothe or Marie Bothe or any of them do die duryng y^e sayd terme of ten yeres y^t then such goodē &c. shall wholly remene to y^e survivor and if it shall happen that [they] do all die before &c. y^t then all such of my goodē &c. shall then be holly imployed and spent and bestoed for y^e wealth of my soule y^e soules of my sayd late husband and of my sayd son John Bothe in such wise as to my sayd execut^r shalbe thought most convenient And to y^e intent y^t those debt^r w^{ch} at y^e p^{nt} I do owe and ame indetted may pfectlie appere I have caused y^e same hereund^o p^{ticuler} mencioned and expressed and of the^r my p^{nt} testamēt and last will I ordene &c. my sayd lovyng nephe Robt Bothe and my sayd trustie frend Lawrence Asshawe my true and lawfull execut^r and I make my lovyng cosins Sr John Atherton knight and Thom^s Botteler esquire my frend John Grymsdich gent^r supervisors to see &c. and I bequeth to my sayd cosin Ath^oton a riall of gold and to my sayd cosin Botteler oⁿ riall of gold and unto the sayd John Grymsdicke xx^s In witnes wheroff I y^e sayd Dorithie Bothe have sett my seale to thes p^{nt}e y^e daye and yere aforesayd the p^{sons} hereaft^o named beyng witnes y^o of y^t is to saye Thom^s Craven vicar of Eccles George Lathom Rog^o Okell pst Edward Smyth curate de Flixton Ot^r Holland Roger Hey Peris Bradshawe.

THE WILL OF DAME ANNE, WIDOW OF SIR
THOMAS LANGTON KNT., DECEASED.¹

THE last will and testament of Dame Anne Langton wydowe late wyffe of Sir Thomas Langton Knyght decessed made the xxij of Apryll anno R. R^{ae} Elizabeth &c. decimo quarto and putt the same daye in wrytynge in artycles as foloweth. ffyrst she ffrelye geveth her soule to Almyghtie God her maker and redem^r in whose ffaith she beleveth &c. Ifm she constytuteth and ordeyneth her trustie and welbeloved cousyns John Talbot and Wiit ffarryngton Esquyers and Alexander Ryshton gent her lawfull executours for the true execucon of her will &c. Ifm she geveth to her said cousyn M^r Talbot one of her geldinges beinge the best she now hath savinge one And she geveth her best geldinge to her said cousyn M^r Wiit^m ffarryngton Ifm she geveth to her said cousyn Alexander Ryshton her crucefyx of gold w^{ch} she was accustomed to weare about her necke Ifm she geveth to Anne Ryshton her cousyn xx^s Ifm to Jenett Moreton xl^s Ifm to Elizabeth Ryshton doughter to the said Alexander xl^s Ifm to Guy one of her yomen vj^s viij^d Ifm to Richarde Ryshton son of the said Alexand^r five of her kyen.

Thies byn the debts w^h the said Anne Langton doth owe to thies psons under wryten — ffirst to the said John Talbot Esqtuyer vj^{li} Ifm to M^r Rawstorne xx^s Ifm to Laurence Stanworth ix^{li} viij^s Ifm to Elizabeth Ryshton syster to the said Alex^r xvj^{li} Ifm to Richard Aynesworthe for shepe xxvj^s viij^d Ifm to John Chorley iij^{li} iiij^s vij^d Ifm to her doughter Katheryn Langton xx^{li} Ifm to Anne Ryshton xx^s Ifm to all her s'vaunts as well men as women all suche wayges as are due unto them as maye ffall oute upon a

¹ Proved June 1573. Vide *Notes* to the will of Sir Thomas Langton, *Chetham Society's Publications*, vol. li. pp. 248 and 250. The legacies in money amount to 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; the debts to 62*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; the inventory to 241*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

reckonyng betwene them and her said executours to whose good dyscreçons she commytteth all her trust to se and use things usuell for her fun'all and legases as also for the dyscharyngye of her debts and for the residue of her goods her debts legases and other expences dyscharged to be used as to their wysdomes shall seme mete Moreov^r she ys in debt to Richard Sudell xx^s I^m to the chylderen of James Bradshawe for a cowe xl^s I^m to Edmond Bradshawe for ap^rrell of his chylde pte of goods xxxv^s viij^d Thies articles were wryten and aft'warde redde and declared to the said Anne Langton in her good memorye and allowed by her for her last will the daye and yere above wryten in the presence of

Will^m Streitberell
George Aynsworth
John Chorley

Richarde Aynsworth
Roger Nouell gent.
John Crane.

Thys inventorye indented taken and made the xxi daye of Maye in the ffyftienth yere of the reigne of our Sov'aigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of England ffrance and Irelande defender of the ffaithe &c. of the goodes and cattalles latelye ap^pteynynge to the right worshipfull Dame Anne Langton wydowe deceaced vewed valewede and praysed by John Tunstall Thomas Lytherlande John Mather and Richarde Baxster the yonger 1573.

ffyrste ffour standinge beddes xxxiijs^s iiij^d — seven paire of bedstockes and one tryndell bedde x^s viij^d — ffour ffetherbeddes iiij^{li} — one matteras v^s — nene bolsters xxxiijs^s iiij^d — ffour pyllowes viijs^s — xij coverlettes lv^s — seven blankents xxxiijs^s — one happynge and one mantell xxxijs^s — thre coverynges for beddes of howsewyffes makynge xx^s — ffoure paire of flaxen shetes xxvj^s viij^d ffyftene pair and one odde shete of canvas clothe ij^{li} x^s — in appell as gownes kyrtells pettycootes ffrenche hoodes hattes and other appell as smockes carcheffes pteletts and other lynnens x^{li} — thre longe towells of flaxen and twoo hande towells of canvas iij^s vj^d —

viiij pyllowe beres of fflaxen viij^s—xxxvj table napkyns xiiij^s—ffoure table clothes of fflaxen xij^s—nene table clothes of camvas ix^s—thre cupborde clothes ij^s vj^d—ffour underclothes whereof twoo ys of twyll and twoo of camvas iij^s iiij^d—twoo twyll wyndow-clothes v^s—nene sackes of twyll xij^s—one heare clothe to drye malte and shillynge w^{ch} called a hayre xxiiij^s iiij^d—ffyve chares and eight buffett stooles viij^s iiij^d—twoo sware cupbordes vj^s viij^d—a lyttell drynkyng table ij^s vj^d—twoo great cheistes and one lyttell cheist ix^s—one table upon a frame twoo lyttell fformes for the same twoo longe tables or syddebordes in the hall wth ffoure fformes accordinglye xx^s—ffouretene barrells lesse and more xxviij^s—one great saltyng table for the larder and two kneade Erhens v^s iiij^d—twoo kym lens¹ ij^s—twoo hoggesheades ij^s viij^d—twoo barrells ij^s—seven saltyng tubbes for the deyrre v^s—elleven woodden bassens iij^s iiij^d—one cherre and an irenyng vessell ij^s—two syghes ij^d—sex eshens² or skeles thre collockes or pales and three pyggyns iij^s iiij^d—one mashtowinbe two gelkers and two lyttell turnells xiiij^s—one great cheist in the myll iij^s vj^d—eight candelstyckes of copper viij^s—thre brasse pottes lesse and more xxiiij^s—one possenett iij^s—ffyve pannes and two prygges or lyttell pannes lvj^s viij^d—twoo brasse laddles xx^d—one chaffyng dyshe xx^d—twoo mynsyng knyves twoo choppyng knyves and two other knyves for the kytchen ij^s—one dryppyng panne and one ffryng panne ij^s viij^d—ffyve broches or spyttes great and small viij^s—twoo gawbeirens twoo brandereths and twoo rackentethes of iren xij^s—two payre of pollackes and two gyrdirens xx^d—ffour pair of tonges and a fyer shovle ij^s iiij^d—one iren for rostynge of aples xij^d—one bolster teame of

¹ Kemlin, any kind of tub for household purposes; a brewer's vessel, or powdering tub.—Nares' *Gloss*.

² Eshin, a Cheshire word for a wooden milk pail. Skele has the same meaning in East Yorkshire.

iren and ffyve sydroopes of iren xiiij^d — ffyve spades wth irens
 sex forkes shodde wth iren one mattocke one cuttinge axe and thre
 hatchetts and a fleshe axe vij^s vj^d — thre chawyers thre iren wedges
 one chysell one payre of pynsones one hammer one spokeshave
 and other peces of iren stuffe ij^s iiij^d — one muckecrooke and
 thre wymble bitts v^d — twoo turffespades wth irens xvij^d — twoo
 dryvells of iren vj^d — twoo crowes or gables of iren one ryndell one
 myll spyndell xij pyckes a great hammer of iren xvj^s — one cresset
 viij^d — four dosen of pewter dyshes more and lesse and vj dyshes
 one dosen of sawsers sex trenchers plates and sex pottengers iiij^{li} —
 one brewynge leade xl^s — one other lyttell leade xiiij^d — twoo dosen
 of tynne spoones ij^s — twoo saltes of tynne xvj^d — one basen and
 an ewer iiij voyders and twoo plates of tynne xvj^s viij^d — thre
 wayneroopes one great roope for the horsynge of a tree iiij^s viij^d —
 twoo horse collers of hempe iiij^d — one paire of shorte trases iiij^d —
 thre horse collers covered wth blacke lether xv^d — twoo payre of
 tyghtes or trases for horses to drawe wth and twoo pair of horse
 geare for horses wth withes of iren xvj^d — one cable rope for the
 myll iiij^s — six whelebarrowes iiij^s — twoo ganges of ffelles of ashe
 tymber for wheles vj^s — ashe tymber ordigned for axeltres ij^s
 viij^d — sawen bordes xij^s — certen sawen peces of woodde for
 standinge beddes or joyned beddes viij^s — waynes xxiiij^s iiij^d —
 ffour myll tryndells iiij^s — twoo paire of wayne wheles wth axeltres
 xiiij^s iiij^d — saplynge tymber pvydet for spokes of wheles vj^s viij^d —
 in cowper tymber x^s — plowes and harrowes wth pynnes ix^s — ten
 peces of swared ashe woodde for pytcheforkes x^d — ox yokes wthout
 irens ij^s vj^d — ox yokes wth irens v^s iiij^d — ox bowes new and olde
 xvj^d — thre myll peces xij^d — one paire of myll stones xl^s — one
 vessell or measure called a halfe wyndell vj^d — one measure called
 a wyndell xij^d — in beeffes and bacon v^{li} vj^s viij^d — in oote meale
 grotes xxiiij^s — in plate viij sylver spoones lvj^s — eight drynkynge
 glasses iiij^s iiij^d — twoo drynkynge pottes of earth covered wth

tynne — xv other drynkynge pottes of earth lesse and more ij^s
 viij^d — one pottell bottell of tynne ij^s — twoo wooden bottells
 and ffour great cannes ij^s iiij^d — thre lether jackes xij^d — thre
 wooden drynkynge cannes and thre pygges ix^d — one breade
 cheist sholves butterye bordes and a brandereth whereupon the
 barrell laye v^s — butterye knyves xvj^d — one case of lyttell
 trenchers iiij^d — sex other rounde trenchers ij^d — thre standes —
 sholves in the kytchen larder howse the deyrye and in the newe
 chamber vij^s — xvj earth pottes and mogges ij^s viij^d — eight sett
 quyssyons new and olde xxvj^s viij^d — in pullen as cappons hennes
 chekennes duckes and other pullen xij^s viij^d — in hogges sowes
 brawnes and other yonger swyne and pygges vij^{li} — ten draught
 oxen xxvj^{li} — ffyftene kyen xxij^{li} — one bull xxij^s iiij^d — one
 thrynter heffer xxx^s — foure twynters iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — twelve styrkes
 vij^{li} — nine suckynge calves xl^s — lxj shepe xj^{li} — xx lambes xxij^s
 iiij^d — iiij horses or geldings vij^{li} — one meare and a colte xxvj^s
 viij^d — sex dysens or bundells of lyne unhatchelled and xx knokes
 of hatchelled lyne xij^s iiij^d — xxxj bundelles of hempe xvj^s — thre
 hande baskettes xij^d — ffyve scuttelles and fyve twygge wyskettes
 xv^d — one lyttell brasen mortar wth a pestell xij^d — twoo hatchells
 ij^s — one pewter basen and an ewer ffoure dosen of sware
 trenchers xx^d — in wooden dyshes and cuppes ix^d — ffaxen yorne
 camvas yorne and candell weake iiij^{li} — one cheiste ij^s iiij^d — one
 corne arke in the garner xij^s iiij^d — in uote¹ meale and malte
 xxv^{li} — in rye unthrowshen xij^{li} — in barlye throshen and un-
 throshen iiij^{li} — in uotes xlvj^s viij^d — in uotes sowen upon the
 grownde xvj acres vij^{li} — in barlye sowen vij acres iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d —
 in rye sowen xl^s — ffoure score ffoote of glasse liij^s iiij^d — ffyftene
 score lodes of blacke turves v^{li} — in ladders sleddes and swyne
 troughes x^s.

¹ The vernacular mode of pronunciation uotes, oats.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM GOODMAN OF CHESTER, ALDERMAN.¹

The xixth day of September anno Dñi 1554.

IN the name &c. I Wiſſm Goodman of the citie of Cheſt'r alderman do make my laſt will and teſtament in mañ and fforme fſollowing fiſt and before all other thinge I commit me &c. Also I geve unto Margeret my wif the houſe which I dwell in with all th'apptenncē ſellers ſhoppes &c. during her naturall life I geve more unto Margaret my wif Richard Bunberies houſe John Teliors houſe Robart Drias houſe Randull Eatons houſe Thomas Pillyns Wiſſm Bronnshankē and Richard Brerwoode with th'apptancē Provided alwaiſ that if the heire of the forſaid houſes as Thomas Pillyns Bronnshanks and Brerewoods ſhuld come with the money and redeme the ſaid landē that then I will that Margaret my wife ſhall have the ſaid money Also more to Margaret my wife ffourty ſhillinge yerlie in the Melſe with a houſe in Aynſton I geve unto Ursulay my doughter and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten Robert Drias houſe Randull Eatons houſe Roger Radfordē houſe and the fforſaid fforty ſhillinge in the Melſe and a houſe in Neſton of ſix ſhillinge viij^d by yere after the deceaſe of her mother with a houſe in Aynſton and a houſe in the Fleſhmongers Lane of xvj^d by yere wherof ſhe to have Roger Radford's houſe and the houſe in Neſton immediatlye after my deceaſe I geve to John my ſonne this houſe wherin I dwell with all implements and comodities thereunto belonging after the deceaſe of my wife More to the

¹ No date of probate. William Goodman, Mayor of Cheſter 1550, married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knight, Chief Juſtice and Lord High Maſſhall of Ireland, by his ſecond wife Eleanor, daughter of Sir Ralph Brereton of Ipſtones. She afterwards married William Moſtyn. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 51: *Harl. MSS.* 1585, p. 354.

said John Richard Bunberies house John Teliors house Thomas Davyes house and Symcocks house and sixe and twentie shillinge eight pence out of Bressies house wiche I give unto John my sonne and to his heires for evⁿ And if in case Pyllins Bronnshanks and Brerewood^e houses be not redemed out in Margaret my wiffes life that then I will that my son John shall have them I geve to the repa^con of the cunduith twenty shillinge yerlie wich is a chiefe out of Richard Walleys house I geve unto my son in lawe Robert Calcot my lease and tyle of my house in Backforde in the county of Chester painge the yerlie rent to Margaret my wife w^{ch} is ffoure pounde by yere and ffoure pence cheefe I geve unto my sonne Paule fortie mark^e w^{ch} Robart Walley owith me and twenty nobles more I will that he shall have in money of me I geve unto my sonne Christopher ffour pounde out of the pasture ffelde during the lease Unto my servannt John Frodsh^m the eightene pounde w^{ch} his ffather doth owe me also twenty nobles in money Unto my servaunt John Jackson ffourtie shillinge Unto Sr Richard Lowther ffourty shillinge Unto my doughter Ursuley a hundreth mark^e besides her part To my servaunte John Cartwright and John Bryne sixe shillinge viij^d a pece and to the two boys vj^s viij^d a pece and to Elenor Elisabeth and Grace Margare and Jane my servaunte eiche of them to have sixe shillinge viij^d I have made a ffeoffament to John my sonne for Oldefylde and lande And if in case it stande wth the lawe and take effect I will that he have it and restore to Adam the citie lande all excepte this house wich I dwell in which I will that John shall have All other goode unbequethed I will shalbe devided the one half to my wife and the other to my ffoure doughters I geve to John Telior his garden to him and to his heires for evⁿ and the rent that he is behinde and Richard Bunbery I forgeve him his rent that he is behinde Unto Sr Rauf our priest ten shillinge To my brother Rychard Brereton ffourtie shillinge To Margaret Skat . . . fyve shillings I will that my wife and my bro-

ther Richard Brereton Esquier and Thom's Grymesdiche and Wiſſm Beche [be] ffor my lawfull executors I geve to my sonne Adam my scarlet gounne and my velvet cote To my sonne Robart Calcot my newe gounne ffurred To my sonne Thomas Grymediche my garded gounne ffurred To my sonne Wiſſm Beche my gounne lyned wth damaske Also I will for want of Ursulaye and heires of her body that then the landes to remeyne to Adam and John and their heires I will that my son in law Robart Calcot shall have the governaunce and rule of my sonne John with all such the lande goodde cattalle and money wich that I have bequethed to him or otherwais shall come to him by vertue of any feoffament or other estate or estat^e untill such tyme as he cometh unto the full age of one and twenty yeres putting in suerties for the true annswering of the same when he shalbe of the said age.

This my will made and delived in presence of Wiſſm Aldersey S^r Richard Lowther S^r Rauf Houlbrocke curate of Saint Brydes John ffradsh^m John Taylior and Elen Calcot gentilwoman and Mode Trener widow with dyverse others.

THE WILL OF JOHN GLOVER OF MANCHESTER.¹

IN the name &c. the thirde daye of September Anno Dñi 1590 I John Glover of Manchester one of the singinge men of the Colledge of Manchester being sicke in bodie &c. doe make this my last will &c. And my bodie to be buried in the pishe Church of Manchester soe neare the place where my father and mother weare buried as may bee Also yt is my will that my executors hereafter

¹ Proved September 23rd, 1590. Buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 6th September, 1590, "John Glover one of our singinge men."

named shall occupie and enioy these burgages cottages and gardens w^{ch} th'apptenancē followinge now in the sevall occupa^on of Isabel Darbshire widdowe Anne Vause widdowe Elline Chorlton widdowe Witm Platt Ri^c Huet Ri^c Hulme And also one barne of six bayes where in one cottage ys in the ende thereof now in the occupa^on of Anne Galley And also one pcell of lande lienge uppon the backside of the saide barne And also one other close or pcell of lande lyinge in the end of the Deansgate uppon the southeast pte there of comonly called the litle medowe now in th'occupa^on of me the sayd John G. And that yt shalbe lawfull for my saide executore to sowe mow or pasture the seid tooe closes and to take and receyve all the revenewes issues and pffittē of the said burgages cottages and landē untill they shall have levied and received of the same the full some of thirtene poundē six shillingē eght pence The w^{ch} some of xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d yt is my will and I give &c. the same to my sister Anne G. And further yt is my will that my uncle James G. shall have the use same some of twentie markes to and for the benefite of my saide sister Anne And that my said executors shall receave the yssues and pffittē of the said landē and howses untill my debtē and legacies be payde and discharged And untill one suite towchinge one middinge steed where uppon one backside house did stande w^{ch} John Glover my late father deceassed gave to mee and my heires for ev^{er} by his last will and testament and now wrongfully by my brother William Glover deteyned be ended And after that the saide some of twentie markē bee levied my debtē and legacies be payde and discharged and the said suit ended then I give and assigne unto my brother Robt G. and his assignes the said burgages or cottages now in the occupa^on of the saide Isabell Derbyshire widdowe Anne Vause widdowe duringe the remaynder of the yeares y^t I have in the same Also I give unto the said Robt G. and his assines the seide close or pcell of lande in the ende of the Deansgate caled the litle medowe duringe all the yeares yet to expire

in the same I give unto my brother Edward G. and to his assignes the sayd barne of six baies and the sayd howse in y^e end of the said barne wth the pcell of land upon the backside of the said barne for and duringe the terme of yeares w^{ch} I have got to come in the same Also yt is my will that the said Anne Galley and Stephen Mason shall enioy the howse thei doe dwell in during my terme of yeares in the same payinge the yearly rent now accustomed I give unto my said brother Edward and to his assignes the sevall burgages or cottages now in the occupa^{cion} of y^e seide Elline Chorlton Wi^{thm} Platt Ri^c Huett and Ri^c Hulme for the terme of yeares w^{ch} I have yet to come in the same wth one yearly rent of foure shilling^e issuing out of one dole or pcell of lande lyinge uppon the backside of the same howses from the first day of May last past for the terme of twentie yeares And after the expira^{cion} of the said xx^{tie} yeares I give &c. the rev^{oc} of the said yeares to my saide brother Edward G. and his assignes to gether wth the lease therof Also yt is my will y^t all the leases towching all the p^{ro}misses shall remayne in the custodie and keepinge of my executors here after named to the intende that yf any suite be co^menced againste any pson to whome I have be queathed the legacies afore saide that then the same leases may be shewed for the defence of the saide pties And after y^t to bee redeli^{ver}ed to my said executors to remayne in their custodie as is afore saide And yt is my will that yt shalbe further lawfull for my saide executore att any time duringe their naturall lives to appoynt such substantiall and honest psonnes for the custodie and keepinge of the said leasses and writing^e as they shall think meete And further as towching the division of the rent^e for the land^e w^{ch} I houlde of M^r Strangwes yt is my will and mynd that my brother Robt^e G. and his assignes shall paye yearely to my brother Edward his executore and assignes att the usuall rent dayes the some of six shilling^e And that my saide brother Edward shall paye the whole yearlie rent to the said M^r Strangwes and his heires w^{ch} rent is

yearlie xviiiij and one daye sheringe I give &c. to my uncle James G. my gold ringe wth a bloodston in w^{ch} my father gave me I bequethe unto M^r John Buckley preacher my booke caled to my office M^r Ri^c Shalcrosse my stonne bowe and my mould^e for the same I bequeath Leighe the booke called M^r Cromp-
 tone justice of peace I bequeath to my brother Rob^te one of the fether beddes wth the rest of the beddinge hanging^e and all the fur-
 niture there unto be longinge wherein I doe now lye and also the same bedd stidd and also my sittorne I bequeath to my sister Anne the other ffether bedd after that my brother Robert hath made his choyse wth all the beddinge belonginge to my bedd when I was dwellinge wth my mother and also the troocle bedd I bequeath to my brother Edwarde G. one standdinge bedd where uppon cer-
 teyne letters for the name of my late father and mother be ingraved To Phillipp Gosnell my best gowne my knitt nether one shirt of Irishe clothe and my best he my best cloke my jirkin and breeches of stript plumet and all my wolsteed knitt stockings and all my booke towching chirurgery and phisicke and all my booke of president^e savinge my booke of president^e towching ecclesiasticall or civill causes w^{ch} I give &c. to M^r Thomas Richardson Deane of Manchester I bequeath to my brother Edward my dublett of ash cooler wth the silver buttons uppon the same and one payre of breeches quilted and stiched wth red silke All the rest of my apparell I give &c. to my brother Rob^te G. I bequeath to my cossine William Glover tooe volumes of Tullies Ora^cõs Tullies Epistles and Tullie de Oratore I bequeath to M^r Deane of Man-
 chester all my booke of the civill lawe To the said M^r Deane one bloodstone w^{ch} is in my purse and tenne shilling^e in goulde to sett the same stone in I bequeath to Marie Richardsone tenne shilling^e To my cossine Ri^c Shalcrosse a goulde ringe wth a stone called an amitist To James Lancashire my vewe [yew] bowe wth the redd handle and all my hoyling arrowes And I doe make executors of

this &c. my welbee loved cossine M^r Riç Shalcrosse my uncle James Glover and James Lancashire And I doe make ovseerç of the same M^r Thomas Richardson M^r John Buckley and Robert Leighe In witness &c. Robert Buckley Charles Duckette &c.

Extracts from the Inventory. — In pictures xxij^d — the greate picture v^s — 3 bowes vj^s viij^d — his arrowes and quiver ij^s — iij goulde ringç xxx^s — a siteron xiiij^s iiij^d — a stonn bowe xiiij^s iiij^d — his wages in the churche xxxiiij^s 4^d — in bookes v^{li} xiiij^s — in leases and tackes of grounde 104^{li}

THE WILL OF THOMAS ALDERSEY OF ALDERSEY, GENT.¹

IN Dei nomine &c. I Thom^s Alderseye of Middle Alderseye in the countye of Chester gent. vysyted wth sicknes in body yet in good memory &c. doe make this my last will &c. And I comyt my bodye to the earthe the same to be buryed in the pishe churche of Coddington Secondelye I geve and bequeath unto Ales Alderseye my daughter one hundred poundç for her pferrem^t I give &c. to such other sonne or doughter as Anne A. my wyf being nowe wth [child] shall happen to beare and bring into thys worlde one hundredreth m^okç towardç the pferm^t of the same I doe geve &c. to Anne Alderseye my syster fflowertye poundç for her marryage My will ys that Anne A. my wyf shall keepe and bringe uppe Robte A. my sonne and Ales A. my doughter and such other sonne or daughterys nowe wth childe wthhall wth sufficiyente meate drinke lodgeynge and appell fyte and convenyente for theire estate and callynge untill theye and evye of them shall accomlishe the full age of xxj^{tie} yeres unles they be otherwyse in the mean tyme pferred In consider whereof I geve unto the sayde Anne A. my wyf

¹ Proved March 29th, 1588.

so muche of my lande as shalbe worthe by yere twentye pounde in full satisfaccōn of her joynture and the one half of my goodde moveable and immoveable my funeralls discharged to have and enioy the same for the tearme of her naturall lyef And further my will ys that my cossen Hughe Massye sonne and heyre appante of Davie Massye of Broxon in the sayde countye of Chester esquier Raphe Bryne or [of] Bernard Inne in the county of Midd. gent. and John Costendyne of the Whitchurche in the countye of Salop gent. take the whole pf[its] and comoditye of the rest of all my lande tenem^{ts} and heredytam^{ts} and chattle whatsoev^r from the daye of my deathe for the whole te[rme] of twentye and one yeres to such uses intentē and meanyng hereafter shalbe in thys my will declared and expressed That ys to saye first In that my funeralls beeing discharged the rest of my sayde goodde and the residue of [my] lande shalbe let out ffyrst for the dischargynge of my dette and theye beyng payde [I] will and appointe the some of xli above geven to my syster Anne A. to be payde unto her for her pferm^t And thyrdleye I will that the sayde some of C^{li} gevene to my daughter Ales A. as the sayde s one C m^okē geven to such sonne or daughter as my wyf ys now wth childe w^{ch} shalbe hereafter borne shalbe payde by my executors as theye receave the same to Anne A. my wyf to be bestowed by her for the benefyte of my childrene and she to repaye all such somes of moneye as she shall receave to my childrenes use when they shall accomlishe the full age of xxi^{ti}e yeres or yf theye be before that tyme pferred in marryage and she haveynge receaved the same And for the true pformance of thys my sayde last will and testam^t I ordeyne &c. the sayd Hughe Massye Raphe Bryne and John Costendyne my &c. executors to see thys &c. In wyttnes &c. the xvijth daye of December in the xxxth yere of the raygne of o^r so^vaygne Ladie Elizabeth &c. Oweynge to me by my cossen Robte Dod my stepfather xxx^{li} Wyttnesses Wylllyam Teyler Thom^s Manyfoldes John Horton Robte Mynshull.

EXTRACTS FROM THE INVENTORY OF HUGH
ALDARSAYE LATE OF CHESTER, MAYOR.¹

17 May 1st of Edward 6th.

^{xx}
iiij bushelle of barlye v^{li} — xxx bushelle of rye xl^s — viij
bushelle of whete xvj^s — in berlye malte xxj bushelle at
xviij^d the bushell xxix^s v^d — xij bushelle of ote malte x^s — xx
bushelle of grae paese xvj^s — vij bushelle of grene paese ix^s iiij^d. In
another part of the same inventory: Whete lvij bushelle at ij^s viij^d
the bushell vij^{li} xij^s — ^{xx}xij bushelle and viij of berlye at xiiij^d the
bushell xiiij^{li} xij^s — xx bushelle of ots xvj^s viij^d — xxij bushelle
of payse at xij^d the bushell xxij^s.

THE WILL OF GEORGE NEWTON
OF NEWTON, GENT.²

IN the name &c. the iiijth daie of Marche and in the xxjth yeare
of the raigne of oure sovarigne ladye Elizabeth &c. I George
Newton of Newton in the countie of Chester gent. make my last will

¹ Hugh Aldersey of Chester gent., third son of Henry Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow by Jane, daughter of John Hockenhull of Hockenhull gent., married Margaret, daughter of Randle Bamville of Gawsworth, and had an only daughter and heiress Margaret, who married first Henry Bunbury of Stanney Esq., and secondly Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton Knight. He was Mayor of Chester in 1541 and 1546, in which year he died. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 404; *Harl. MSS.* 2119, p. 33.

² Proved April 19th, 1580. The testator was son and heir of Alexander Newton of Newton gent. in Mottram parish, by Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, afterwards wife of Edmund Dukinfield gent. He was at the siege of Bullogne 37 Henry VIII., and married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Cudworth of Werneth gent. She died 2nd James I., aged 84. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. See Alexander Newton's will, *Wills and Inventories*, Portion i. p. 41.

&c. I gyve unto my wife the third pte of thees my mess gardens and tofts wth all manⁿ of houses buyldinge &c. what soever of this my house wherein I nowe dwell wth the third pte of all theese my demeses lande woode wast^e mosses &c. to have &c. for the terme of her firall lyfe in the name of her third^e and dower I gyve unto my said wyfe ij messuage and tent^e called Impshano^e[?] and one tenement in the tenure of Jenkyn otherwise called John Rodes and a tenement in Newton now in the occupasion of Edmunde Duckenfeild and my mother now his wyfe to have &c. for terme of her lyfe firall after the decease of my mother My will ys that shee shall have the education and bringinge uppe of my foure daughters untyll shee see convenient tyme and place for their better p^rferment and that shee shall receyve foure pounds for my daughter Jane over and besydes her chyldes pte and por^ocn of all my good^e to bee levied of my demesne lande viz. of those por^ocons of lands w^{ch} maie happen to come to my sonne Alexander Newton immediatlie after my decease my iij^{li} a yeare payable att Pentecost and St. Martin in winter by even por^ocons Unto evⁱe one of my other iij daughters viz. Elizabeth Fortune and Marie evⁱe one of them xx^{li} to bee taken oute of my demesne lande w^{ch} shall descende unto my sonne Alexander immediatlie after my decease and to bee deliv^d unto them att suche tyme as they shall fortune to come to honest p^rferment of mariage My will ys that my sonne John N. shall have a yearlie rent of xxvj^s viij^d for the tearme of his lyfe to bee taken of the landes in Newton aforesaid nowe in the tenure of Raphe Hayward My will ys that my sonne George N. shall have the yearlie rent for tearme of his lyfe of xij^s iij^d to bee taken of the messuage w^{ch} Henrie Ashton now dwelleth in I gyve &c. unto my sonne and heyre apparant Alexander Newton all such heyre loames as weare lefte unto mee by my father his last will and testament wth one yoke of oxen or xx nobles in money and one mare or fyve marke to bee deliv^d unto him by the hand^e of my executrix att such tyme as he shall keepe house

and hospitallitie in Newton Whereas I bounde my sonne George N. as aprentis unto Thomas Goodier of Manchester for x yeares and have bonde my self to paye unto the same Thomas xⁱⁱ my will ys that myne executor shall paye the same of my whole goodē and cattallē afore anie division bee made therof All my landē tenementē &c. w^{thin} the countie of Chester or els where after the &c. and meaning of this my last will shall remayne to my sonne Alexander N.¹ and his heyres according to my auncient evidence And my will ys yf I dye afore hee come to the full age of xxj yeares that my speciall friend William Ashton of Rachdall gent. shall have the mariage and bringing uppe of hym untill hee bee of the full age of xxj yeares And yf anie ambiguitie or question ryse or groe uppon anie poynte in this my last will &c. I will that this same shalbee resolved &c. by the right worshipfull and my deare ffriendē S^r Richard Buckley knight and Edmundē Ashton of Chaderton esquier whome I desire to see the contentē heareof trulie accomplished and for the execu^{cion} &c. I ordayne &c. my welbeloved wyfe Thomas Asheton of Shepley gent. my true and lawfull executors These being wittnes William Ashton Thomas Ashton Edmundē Taylior Raphe Heyward Alice Newton Rob Taylior wth others.

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EXECUTORS OF THOMAS
CLIFTON OF WESTBY, ESQ.²

Duodecimo die Martii Anno Dñi 1558 [1558-9].

A BOOKE of Accompts of th'administra^{cion} of the gooddes of
Thomās Clyfton esquier whiles he lyved of the pyshe of

¹ Alexander Newton gent. married first Mary, daughter of Arthur Asheton of Rochdale gent., and had issue a daughter Elisabeth, who ob. s.p. He married secondly Susan, daughter of Robert Hyde of Denton Esq. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii.

² William Clifton of Westby Esq., married (covenant dated 9 Hen. VIII.) Isabel,

Kyrkhm wthin the countie of Lancaster conteyned and mentioned in the inventorye of the said Tho^ms Clyfton maid the same daye by John Westby esquier and Katin his wyff George Rogley and Withm Clyfton gen^t executors of the last wyll and testament of the said Tho^ms before S^r Richard P^rton [Preston] vicar of Garstange S^r James Smyth vicare of Kirkh^m and S^r Tho^ms Crosse vicare of Sanct Michaels upon Wyre comⁱssⁱshⁿs appoynted for the takyng of the said accompt^e by the rev^ende father in Christ and Lorde Cuthbert byshoppe of Chester.¹

The accompt^e of John Westby and Katin his wyff The said John and Katin had and receyved of the said gooddes these pcells folowing In p^rmis barly xxxj^{li} mett^e and one pecke xxxvij^s— peyse two mett^e v^s— one whit gelding iij^{li} vj^s viij^d— one stoned horse v^{li}— one stagge xx^s— two mares iij^{li} x^s— xl^{li} mett^e of wheat that George Cowban solde x^{li}— vj seves of ote that the said George solde iij^{li}— foure mett^e of wheat solde to John Dodell xx^s— of S^r John Southwort knyght lvj^{li} xij^s iij^d— of Lawrens Greves xlvi^s viij^d— of James Davye iij^{li} xij^s iij^d— of Nicholas Hackyng xxij^s— in lynnen clothe v^s viij^d— of George Rogley xx^s— of Henry Osbaldston vj^{li}— eight oxen xvij^{li}— foure steyses viij^{li}— eight kyne xv^{li}— one fatt cow xxx^s— xij yonge beast^e viij^{li}— three pott^e of brasse and two paⁿs

daughter of William Thornborough Esq. of Hampsfield in the county of Westmoreland, by whom he had William, Ellen wife of George Rogerley, and a son and heir Thomas Clifton the testator. He married first (covenant dated 28 Hen. VIII.) Ellinor, daughter of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt., and had issue Cuthbert Clifton his successor, Ellen wife of Arthur Hoghton of Kirkham, and Isabel wife of Hamlet, son of Sir John Holcroft of Holcroft Knt. The testator married secondly (covenant dated 2 Edw. VI.) Catherine, sister of Sir John Southworth of Samlesbury Knt., and died 19th September 1551. His widow married at Kirkham, 23rd January 1551-2, John Westby of Mowbreck Esq. — *Lanc. Visitation 1567 and the Family Evidences*. John Talbot Clifton Esq. of Lytham Hall is the representative of this ancient family.

¹ It appears from the heading of the inventory that the testator died the 19th September 1551. I have preferred the executors' accounts to the inventory, being more full; but no Will appears in the Registry. — J. P.

xxxv^s—one soṽaygne of golde in valure xx^s—one double double duckett in valure xxvj^s viij^d—one braselett y^t hadd upon it in olde golde to the valure of xlviij^s—one other braselett y^t hadd upon it of olde golde to the valure of xxxv^s—one other braselett having upō it ij crownes—one new royall—one quystill [whistle] of syl^v—one crosse of syl^v and one hooke of syl^v—one brouche and one hart of syl^v gylt—iij new royals and thre crownes—in bedding beddestocke and chist^e xviiij^{li} vj^s vj^d—in other howseholde stuff jx^{li} jx^s viij^d—shepe fatt and leane viij^{li} iiij^s v^d—hay iij^{li}—turff xl^s Sum totale CCv^{li} jx^s xj^d.

The accompt^e of George Rogley The said George hadd receaved of the said gooddes these peels folowing xviiij^{no} seves of ot^e xij^{li} ix^s iiij^d—xv^{no} mett^e of peyse xxxiiij^s—ffye oxen xiiij^{li}—thre kyne iiij^{li} xix^s iiij^d—in golde that was in his purse vij^{li} xv^s iiij^d ob—xx^{ti} score mett^e of barly that George Cowban sold xl^{li}—xxx mett^e of wheat and one pecke vij^{li} xij^d ob—one gelding v^{li}—one stagge xxiiij^s—three mares vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d—swyne viij^{li}—one syl^v salt cellar wth a cov^{ing} lvj^s viij^d—one syl^v cupp wth a cov^{ing} xxx^s—xij syl^v spones iiij^{li} x^s—barly foure mett^e xij^s Sum totale Cxviiij^{li} v^s.

The accomptes of Wiſtm Olyfton th'elder deputed for Nicholas Thornborow The said Wiſtm hadd and receyved of the said gooddes these peels folowing Wheate xxviiij mett^e iiij^{li} xvj^s—ot^e lxxij seves and foure mett^e lx^{li} xiiij^s x^d—peyse xij mett^e and half a pecke xxiij^s vj^d—viiij oxen x^{li} ix^s viij^d—one bull xvj^s—xviiij kyne xix^{li} xv^s viij^d—xxj^{ti} yonge beast^e and xviiij calves xix^{li}—ffye mares vj^{li} iiij^d—one curtall horse xij^s iiij^d—two curtall horseis iiij^{li}—beddyng xviiij ij^s iiij^d—shepe xv^{li} ij^s—pullan xvij^s viij^d—buttry stuff vj^s x^d—talow iiij^s—pueter vessell one chandlar and one prygg xvij^s iiij^d—one panne one brasse pott and one possenett xx^s—wull l^s v^d—husbandry stuff lviiij^s—a count[?] v^s—a mylne stone xvij^s—tymbre xxvj^s viij^d—brycke iiij^{li} vj^s v^d—straw xiiij^s—

barly cxliij mettē and a pecke xx^{li} xij^s viij^d — turffē xx^s — vij quyssons vij^s Sma totall Clxxxxviij^{li} xx^d

Legacyes geven by his wyll One quye of thre yeres olde towarde our ladies¹ stock p^{ce} xij^s iiij^d — toward the gramm^l scole xx^s — to his mother one gray nagg iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — to his said mother in monay xx^s — his soñe Cuthbert Clyfton all his rayment p^{ce} of the same xiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — to his said soñe vj bullocke xij^{li} — to his said soñe vj quyes jx^{li} xvj^s — to his said soñe one plough harow and one hay wayne wth all thinge to them belongyng xxij^s viij^d — to Sr Thomās Threlfall one quye xij^s iiij^d — to Robert Forshaw one quye xij^s iiij^d — to George Cl[y]derrall one baye stagge that trotteth xxxij^s iiij^d — to the said George in monay xij^s iiij^d — to George Cowban one bay mare xl^s — to John Standishe one quye xij^s iiij^d — to vj servantē xx^s — to Sr Rauff Thomson iiij^s iiij^d — to Sr Wylm Stryng^g iiij^s iiij^d — vij white gownes l^s x^d — to the moost neadfull of Kyrkh^m pyshe vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d.

Legacyes geven not specyfied in his wyll To Anne Clyfton towarde a coote iiij^s — to Mawde Clyfton for lyke purpose iiij^s — to Elizabeth Cardwell toward a smocke vij^d — to two children of Westby to by them clothes wth xj^s.

Debtē mencyoned upō his wyll that he awed To Wythm Clyfton his brother for his childes pte of his fathers gooddes xl^{li} To M^r Wylm Westbye for one baye gelding one white nagge iiij^{li} vj^s vj^d — to the same M^r Westby iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d.

Debtē owying to others not specyfied upō his wyll To the vicar for his teythingē xxj^s — to Oly^v Breers for clothe iiij^{li} — to George Rogley x^{li} xvij^s viij^d — to George Clyderrall x^s viij^d — to Elizabeth Bretherton ij^s — to George M^lser ij^s — towarde the paying the rent of the tythe xxvij^s — to Nycolas Cowbren iiij^s vij^d — to the clerke of the wapentake for a subsidie x^s — to Kyrfoote for expenceis in his mast^l cawses ij^s iiij^d — to George Clyderrall for expenceis ix^d — to

¹ The Family Chantry in Kirkham Church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

John Halywall for the table of two children xxvj^s viij^d — to Wiſſm Forshaw for agreement xvij^s iiij^d — to Tho^ms Symson for two sythes v^s iiij^d — the said Tho^ms for a tether viij^d — to James New-sam for a payre of whelis x^s — to the tenant^e for taske turff xxxvj^s vj^d — to George M^rser vj^s — to John Crokan of Leth^m for salt v^s — payed towards the rent of the tythes at Michaelmas xxvij^s — to George Cowban for expenceis about his maysters busynes xij^s — to the said George for watyng to the beast^e in Weton fayre viij^d — to John Fyssh^er at Lethom for salt xix^s iiij^d — to Wiſſm Warton for merciment^e in the Peyle xij^d — to Robert Benett for money that he laid downe for lowsing of yarne and ale pott^e ij^s — to Elyn Pyper for chekyns vj^d — to George Houghton for veale and muttō iiij^s — to Edmund Hankynson for veale and mutton ij^s iiij^d — to John Husserwoodd for a payre of wheales viij^s — to Nicholas Cowban for going to M^r Nicholas Thornborow viij^d — to Robert Hankynson for waytyng to the beast in the somⁿ fayre at P^rton [Preston] vj^d — to M^r Wiſſm Westbye w^{ch} was borrowed of him xij^{li} — to Derby phi-sician for his rewarde xij^s iiij^d — to Wiſſm Olyfton for halff one yeres rent of balance xxij^s — to the said Wiſſm for a pte of another halff yere rent vj^s — to the said Wiſſm y^t he payed toward^e the rent of the tythe barnes of Weton and Westby at two sevall tymes iiij^{li} iiij^s viij^d.

Fuⁿball expenceis maid the daye of his buriall and aft^r To the wyff of John Dodell for ale v^s x^d — for fysshe w^{ch} was bought at Lethom the same daye xij^s — for egges bought the same daye xij^d — to Nicholas Fayre for fysshe and byrdes ij^s iiij^d — at the churche the same daye iiij^{li} iiij^d — to Richard Charnley for makyng of coot^e at the same tyme v^s iiij^d — to George Jeneson cooke for dressing of the diⁿ ij^s — to the vj p^rsers and de^vders of the goodd^e vj^s — to John Bretherton for fysshe viij^d — payed to Henry Hodgekynson for a pte of his clothe y^t was bought for the mournyng coot^e xxxvj^s vj^d — to Oly^v Breers and to Rawlyn Dawson for blake clothe bought for

ootē at the same tyme iiij^{li} vj^s v^d — to Tho^ms Johnson for threede and buttens viij^d — to the wyff of George Cowban for buttⁿ v^s — to Tho^ms Johnson for one dosen poyntē vj^d — to Henry Hodgekynson for spyceis v^s — to Robert Merser wyff for fysshe viij^d — to M^r Comisary for a lettⁿ ad colligendū and for one obliga^on ix^s — to Henry Robynson for a salmō xvij^d — at Garstange for one lettⁿ ad colligendū iiij^s — at the same tyme for the expenceis of th^e executors xij^d — to S^r Withm Strang^e for wrytyng of his wyll and inventories in pchement iij^s iiij^d — pchement for the same xij^d — to the deane for the pba^on of the testamēt and the casting of our booke xx^s — for our expenceis at the same tyme ij^s ij^d — to John Mylⁿ for going to M^r Thornborow to give him warnyng to come to the pba^on of the testament viij^d — to the vicar for the mortuary x^s.

Servantē wages To Tho^ms Kyrfoote xij^s iiij^d — to James Bagg^e viij^s — to the childe of the kychin iiij^s — to George Clederrall behinde of his wages xvj^d — to Robert Forshaw viij^s — to John Hankynson viij^s — to S^r Tho^ms Threlfall xl^s — to John Sanderson smyth for shoing of his horses vj^s — to Richard Charuley his taylor xvij^s — to Laurens Wadmough his smyth for worke v^s — to Henry Newsam smyth for woorke ij^s — to James Sharrocke for shering peyse xvj^d — to men servantē iiij^{li} ij^s — to wemen servantē iiij^s.

Beastē conteyned in the inventorie and p^rsed yett deade before sale colde be conveniently made of them Two fatt oxen v^{li} — fyve yonge beastē iiij^{li} — two calves xx^s — one olde white mare vj^s viij^d.

Outhbert Clyfton soⁿe and heyre of the said Tho^ms holdeth to him selff of the gooddē these p^eels folowing calling them heyre loomes One greate pott xxij^s iiij^d — one lesse pott xij^s iiij^d — one skellet paⁿe xv^s — one greate paⁿe v^s — one and-iron and one greate payre of tonges xij^s iiij^d — one tent for wars xij^s iiij^d — one standing bedd xij^s iiij^d.

Rayment bought for Elyn Clyfton daught^r to the said Tho^ms by George Rog^eley aⁿis regno^r Philippⁱ et Marie p^rmo et sēdo vj yardes

of wursett x^s—two yardes of bokeram xx^d—two yardes of blaek fryse for lyning jx^d—for threede iij^d—for claspis and holders jd^d—clothe for a smocke xvij^d—one payre of hoose x^d Rayment bought for the said Elyn by the said George annis sēdo et tertio For a gowne ij yardē one q di x^s vj^d—buckerham ij yardes and an halff xx^d—thred iij^d—claspes and holders jd^d—lynne clothe for a smocke ij yardē xxiij^d—for makyng the gowne viij^d—blacke chamlett for a gowne viij yardē and a halff xxviij^s iij^d—buckeram ij yardes and an halff xx^d—lyning for the playtes of the gowne vij^d—velvett sylke claspē and holders ij^s viij^d—for making of the gowne viij^d Rayment for the said Elyn añis 3 and 4 For ij smockē ij^s iij^d—for a yarde and a quart of lynen clothe xx^d—ij payres of hoose xiiij^d—for halff a yarde of chamlett to the amending of a gowne geven by maystris Molynex xvij^d—for three yardes of lyning fryse xvij^d—for claspē and holders iij^d—for the makyng of the said raymēt vj^d—for one payre of hoose xj^d—for one yarde of lynen clothe xvj^d Rayment bought for the same Elyn annis 4 et 5 viij yardes of Kendel fryse viij^s—one yarde and an halff of buckeram xiiij^d—threed iij^d—one yarde of lyning v^d—three yardes of white for a petycote iij^s—for dying of the same xvij^d—for the table of the said Elyn and Elyzabet hir sust^r from Mychaelmas unto Passion Sundaye xxxiiij^s iij^d—for the table of the said Elyzabeth one hole yere xl^s Rayment bought for Elyzabeth Clyfton dough^t to the said Thom̄s by Wiłm Clyfton at Cest^r año Dñi 1556 Clothe of divers sortē xxvj^s viij^d.

Debtes owyng to the said Thom̄s Clyfton specified upon th'inventorie pte whereof is in daun^t to be recoved or gotten John Holkar for a gelding v^{li} vj^s—Wiłm Carlton for his table two yeres v^{li} vj^s—Richard Hall for the gressome of his horse iij^{li} Debtē owing to the said Thom̄s S^r John Sothewort knyght xv^{li}—the same S^r John Sothwors for a gowsehawke iij^{li}—Laurens Bray for an oxe x^s—for his halff yeres rent iij^s vj^d—James Lee for one quy xvj^s.

Receyved of the childers goodde by Henry Osbaldston Two oxen iiij^{li} — the said Henry three ptes of the tythe corne of Weton xxx^s.

Stuff remaynyng at Westby and yett unsolde One standing bedd vj^s viij^d — xj payre of bedstocke xij^s — one crossbowe and thre racke x^s — viij mylne pycke ij axes halff one gavelocke of iron ij mylne roope xij^s — one thowsand and an halff of brycke xvij^s vj^d — one turff wayne iiij^s — iij candilstycke ij olde putⁿ pott^e one brooken platⁿ one old putⁿ basyn iij broken putⁿ disshes ij skyles ij stñdes one ale pott iij cannis of wudd one kneding vessell one dry prig panne iiij mylke troughis — one cuppboorde vj^s viij^d — iij salte of earthe j^d — one bason and an iiij^s — vj candilsicke ij^s — one pueter candilsycke vj^d — one brasse pott xxvj^s — two basins xij^d — two stñdes and jx ale pott^e v cannis iij pyckyns one earth pott one stone pott ij^s ij^d ob — ffoure chiste xxvj^s — one hogs heade iij boorde iij basyns xx^{ti} wud disshis ij^s ij^d — one olde cupboorde ij^s — xj treste xij^d — one heckyll¹ ij^d — one brake² iij forrnes one stole jx^d — viij pueter platters viij^d — viij narow disshis iiij^s — ij sawcers iij pottingers one mortar and a pestell v^s viij^d — one axe xij tre disshis one pañe iij barels and iij knoppes jx^s — one girdill and one brandrith v^s — one arke ij sacke j chorne and v cheyres iiij^s ij^d — one bering shett and one payre of tonge vj^d.

Men^{dm} y^t Outhbert Clyfton and Wiltm Clyfton his brother hadd delyv^d to them when they were at Inskipp one feder bed wth one bolster ij blankette one payre of shet^e wth bedd and other thinge belonging to it was nevⁿ brought agayne to us th'executors p^rce hereof xlvj^s viij^d.

¹ An instrument for dressing flax or hemp.

² An instrument with teeth for the same purpose.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ENTWYSSELEY OF THE
FOLDES, HUSBANDMAN.¹

IN the name &c. The xth daye of februarye and in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hunderyth threeschore and xiiijth [1573-4] I Robart Entwysseley of the Foldē in the countye of Lancastre husbandeman beinge sycke in bodye but in good and pfytt remembraunce praysed be God do ordayne and make thys my laste wyll &c. and my body to be buryed wythin the churchē of Bolton as nere my wyff as maye welbe suffered I gyve unto Alexander Hasselam vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d [and] sixe shepe I gyve unto Wiſſm Hasselam fyve poundes sixe shipe a coverlet a payre of shetē and a payre of blanketē Unto John Leyver a coverlett a payre of shetē and a payre of blankettē Unto Gyles Hasselam ffourtye shyllinges Unto the sone of Gyles Hasselam twentye shyllinges I gyve unto the wyff of Henrye Longworth xij^s iiij^d Unto George Longworth sone of the said Henrye twentye shyllinges Unto Sysseley Longworthe twenty shyllinges Unto ffoure chyl-deren of Rauff Entwysseley everye one sixe shyllinges eight pence Unto Wiſſm Entwysseley of the Brode Heade xij^s iiij^d Unto Alys Worthington twentye shyllinges Unto everye chylde of Alexander Worthington three shyllinges ffoure pence I gyve Agnes Croston a heffer Unto Johaⁿe Worthington sixe shyllinges eight pence Unto Nycholas Mather ij ewes and unto hys doughter ij lambes Unto Alys Entwysseley a heffer [and] twentye shyllinges I gyve Agnes Entwysseley tenn shyllinges Unto the wyff of Henrye Entwysseley and her doughters that are unmarried ffortye shyllinges Unto Genet Horrockē twentye shyllinges Unto Jane Syme sixe shyllinges eight pence Unto Annes Croston a lytle panne a voyder

¹ Proved March 20, 1574 (1574-5).

and a pewter dysshe I gyve unto Elizabeth Horrocke a greate pott Iſm I gyve unto Thomas Longworth sixe shylynges eight pence Also I gyve unto the wyff of Rycharde Brabyn a cowe Iſm I gyve unto Sysselye Longworth a cowe Item I give unto Jane Syme a cowe styrke Iſm I give unto James Horrockes xiijs iiij^d Iſm I geve unto Jane Hasselam sixe shylynges eight pence And I orden and make Hugh Entwysseley Rauff Entwysseley and Alexander Worthyngton my executors &c. And I gyve everye one of theym xiijs iiij^d And I hartelye desyre Edmude Entwysseley and George Holme yomen to be supvicers &c. and I gyve eyther of them for theyr paynes xiijs iiij^d The resydew of my goodes not bequethed expences and costes made after my buryall I leave unto my executors to gyve and dyspose unto pore people the next of my frendes and other charytable dedes these beinge p̄sent &c. Roger Bromeley Elys Leyver Henry Longworth wyth others.

The following are amongst the names of parties owing money to the testator: Hugh Entwysseley, Gylbert Entwysseley, Rauffe Entwysseley of the Brodeheade, Rauff Entwysseley of Entwysseley.

THE WILL OF GILES ENTWISTLE OF ENTWISTLE, HUSBANDMAN.¹

IN the name &c. the viij daie of May in the yere of oure Lorde 1582 I Gyles Entwisill sonne of Hughe Entwisill of Entwisill in the countie of Lanċ husbandman something sicke in bodye but of good and perfite remembraunce praised be God by reason of the uncertayntie of deathe do for the settlinge of good and quiet order emongeste and betwene my wife and children make &c. this my laste will and testament in maner and fourme followinge ffirste I

¹ Proved 15th May, 1582.

geve and bequethe my soule &c. and my bodye to be buried in the pyshe churche of Boulton in suche place as my frende shall appointe Item yt is my will and mynde that all my goodē be devided into three ptes one pte wherof I do geve unto Alis my wiffe one other pte unto my children Anne Elizabeth Thomasin Issabell and Mergaret to be equallie devided amongst theym and the third pte w^{ch} is my owne pte my will is that Alis my wiffe shall have the custodie therof after my funerall expensis and dettē discharged to the use and p^rfermennent of my saide children I doe make &c. Alis my wiffe and Anne my daughter my executors and I humble praye and desier my worshipfull landislorde Edward Tyldesley esquier and Thomas Tyldesley his sonne and heire to be supprovisors &c. Witnesses John Entwissill William Entwissill &c. I gyve unto my younge M^r a longe staffe.

THE WILL OF RALPH BELFIELD
OF CLEGG, GENT.¹

IN the name of God Amen the xjth day off August in the yeare off owre Lord God MDlvij² and in the iiijth and v yeares off the reygnes off owre sovereygne lord and ladye Philipp and Marie

¹ No date of probate. Inventory dated 23rd September, 1557. Ralph Belfield of Clegg gent. married Elizabeth daughter of Edmund Hopwood of Hopwood Esq. and had issue two daughters and coheireses, Elizabeth who married when a child, at Middleton, 22nd September, 1562, Alexander Barlow of Barlow Esq., from whom she was divorced in 1574. She was afterwards married to Rev. Edward Assheton M.A., Rector of Middleton, and died s. p. Anne the other daughter married the same day Richard son and heir of Richard Leigh of High Legh Esq., which marriage was also dissolved. She was afterwards wife of William Assheton of Clegg Esq. brother of Edward the rector, and left issue. — *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 211.

² The year 1558 is an error, as the 11th August 4th and 5th Philip and Mary is the 11th August 1557, which agrees also with the date of the inventory.

by the grace off God &c. I Rawffe Belffyld off Clegge in the cowntye off Lan^c gent sycke in bodye &c. doe ordeyne &c. ffyrst and principallye I commend my sowle to the eternall living God the onelye maker and redemer off man kynd and my bodye to be buried in the parishe churche off Rachedale or els where yt shall please God to dispose I wyll y^t all my good^e and cattalls shall be devyded into iij equall partes whereoff on equall parte I wyll y^t Elizabeth my wyffe shall have in the name off all her thryd parte off all my seyde goodes and cattells And one other equall parte I wyll y^t my ij dowghters Elizabeth and Anne shall have equallye devyded betwixte theym And the iij part I reserve to my executors hereafter to be named to declare this my last wyll uppon I geave &c. towards the reediffynge and sustentation off the pishe churche off Rachedale the sume off vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d to be payd by my executors yeaerlye as the churche wardens shall reasonablye require the same I geave and bequeth to beatyne [*sic*] my [*sic*] syxe powndes xiijs^s iiij^d To my syst^r Anne iij^{li} vjs^s viij^d I geave to James Belffyeld my servant aswell in consideration off the good service w^{ch} he hathe heretoffore doone as hereafter shall doe all my tytle and interest off and in y^e moytye off one tenement and ffermehold lying and being in the pishe off Bawden in the cowntye off Chester late in the tenure and occupation off one Hughe Massie and now in the peaceable possession off me the seyde Rawffe peing the accustomyd yerelye rent ffor the same I geave to Robt Butterworth my servant in consideration off the good service w^{ch} he hath heretoffore doone the sume off iij^{li} vjs^s viij^d I geave to Elizabeth my wyffe and my seyde ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne all my ryght interest and terme off yeares wiche I have by lease in anye landes teñt^e or tythes wthin the cowntye off Lancaster And also all my ryght and tearme off yeares w^{ch} I have off the rectorye¹ or psonage off Bowden wth all the

¹ The rectory of Bowden belonged to the priory of Birkenhead, and being vested in the Crown on the dissolution of that House, was leased Nov^r 24, 38 Henry VIII, for

pfettē thereof except always the moytye off the tenement afforesayd to be bestowed and imployed to the p̄fferment off my seyde wyff and ij dawghters in maner and fforme ffolowinge That ys to sey my seyde wyff to have one equall part off the pfettē off all the seyde landes tēntē and tythes during the tearmes thereof yet to expire (yff she so longe doe live) and yff she dye beffore the seyde tearmes be expyred that then the seyde equall part to remeyne to my seyde ij dowghters during ffowrth the seyde tearmes And lykewyse the other partes off the pfettē off the p̄misses to be devyded equallye betwixt my seyde ij dowghters during the tearmes afforesayd yet to expyre And the resedew off my part off all my seyde goodes and cattels my debtes being peyd my ffunerall expenses ffynished and these my legacyes conteyned herein pfformed I geave and bequeth to my seyde ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne equallye to be devyded betwixt theym And off this my p̄sent testament and last wyll I make the seyde Elizabeth my wyffe and my seyde ij dawghters Elizabeth and Anne my ffeythfull executors to execute trewlye in the p̄misses And supervisowrs thereof I doe make Richard Asheton esquyre Edmond Asheton esquyer Edmond Hoppwood my cosyn¹ and heyre apparent off Edmond Hopwood esquyer Robt Holt off Asheworth gent^{wch} seyde supervisowrs I shall most hertelye and instantlye requyre that they take accowmpptes yearelye at the ffeast off the nativite off Seynt John Babtyst off my executors off the yerelye pfettē coming groing or arysing off the moitye off the seyde rectorye or psonage off Bowden and off all other my seyde leases tackes &c. In wytnesse whereoff to this my p̄sent last wyll and testament I the

forty years, at an annual rent of £50, to "Arthure Belfield off owre sayd sovereygne lordes household, gentylman, and Robert Tatton off Wythynshaw, esquyer, hys graces servant." On the 8th of January following Henry VIII. conveyed the said rectory to John Bird then Bishop of Chester and his successors in exchange for "the manor of Weston, co. Derby, and off dyverse other manowrs landes and tenements made unto the sayd kynge." — J. P.

¹ Nephew by marriage.

seyd Rawffe Belffyeld have subscriybed my name and sett my seale
geaven the dey and yeres ffyrst above wrytten I geave and bequeth
to everye one off my servantes one quarters wayges over and besydes
soche wages as I doe owe unto theym These wytnesses Edmond
Hopwood esquier Richard Radclyffe gent Thom's Lord Oliver
Chadwycke Edmond Mylne and others.

THE WILL OF LAURENCE HATTON OF
HATTON, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. the xviiijth daye of ffebruarye in y^e yeare of our
Lorde God a thowsande ffyve hundreth threyescore and tenne
[1570-1] I Laurance Hatton of Hatton gent. somewhat dyseased
&c. and my bodye to be buryed in y^e church of Deresburye nere
unto my ffrendes I geve unto y^e preyst y^t doeth 3^{vyce} in y^t same
church xij^d Unto Anne Starky my doghter one strike of barly
Unto Lourence Wodd one stryke of barely I geve &c. unto every
godchild y^t I have iiij^d Unto Lorence Dutton my godsonne sonne
of John D. of New Mannour gentilmā x^s I geve &c. unto Lau-
rence Hatton my nephue the longe borde in the howse one broche
the byggeste of them one chayfer one hande mylne one colffer wyth
all writinges and evidencis in y^e same and all the bedstockes after
and imediatlye the decease of my wyffe excepte ij pere of bedstocke
whych I geve &c. unto Harry Hatton my sonne I geve &c. unto
Wyllyam Hatton one cowe Unto Peter Hatton my basterde sonne
xx^s desiringe Peter Hatton of Norle [Norley] wythe whome the seid

¹ Proved April 15th, 1574. Of the family of Hatton of Quisty Birches in the
parish of Daresbury. Here the Hattons continued until Peter Hatton Gent. with
his two sons, Richard and Thomas, sold the property in 1661 to Robert Pickering,
Barrister-at-Law. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 545.

Peter nowe dwellyth to se the seid money bestowed and imployed to the use of the seid Peter my basterd sonne immediatly aft^r my decease And after my dettes pede and ffunerall expēces discharged and these my leggages hirein oōtened truely accomplished and ffulfilede my whole goodē &c. shalbe devided into tow equall partes one equall parte I geve unto my wyffe and the other unto Raundulfe Hatton and Harry Hatton my sonnes equally devyded betwene them I ordene &c. Laurence Hatton my nephew afforesaid and Thomas Harp of More my executours And also my wyll is y^t the seid ex-
cutors shall have all there costes and charges &c. Also I desire the worshipfull mast^r John Aston esquire to be my supervisor to se &c. Wytnes hereof Thomas Hatton John Daintythe Robarte Ifm he gave &c. uppon his death bedd after the will was written up unto Anne Starkie his dawghter aforsaid the better of the two covlettē that were bought at Werington and one payre of sheetes of teare hempe.

THE WILL OF JOHN BARLOW, RECTOR
OF WARMINGHAM.¹

IN the name of God amen the firste daye of May anno Domini 1591 I John Barloe clerk person of the rectory or benefice of the parishe church of Warminghame beyng whole and sounde of mynde and memory thankē be to God therefore doe make my laste wyll &c. ffyrste I bequeathe my soule to Almightye God hopinge throughe the death of his only sonne Jesus Christe to have my portion in the resurrection of the juste and my bodye to Christian buryall where it shall please God to appoynte the same Also it is my wyll that my sonne William Barloe shall houlde him selfe fully satisfied

¹ Proved November 24th, 1595. Barlow's name does not appear in Ormerod's list of the Rectors of Warmingham.

and contented for his child^e parte with tenne pound^e of money which is nowe p^resently to be payd for byndinge him prentice in Shrewesbury And if the foresaid my sonne William shall truely and faythfully serve out his prentishippe then after those yeares expyred and he be made free man of his trade he shall have for terme of his lyffe a smale tenement provided for him in Talehorne Also it is my wyll that my sonne Randull B. shall holde him selfe sufficientlye satisfied and contented for his chylde^e parte with that cost and chardges which I have beene and am styll at in maynteninge him at his studye in Cambridge besyde a ferme provided for him in Hangmⁿ [Hanmer] parishe Alsoe that my sonne Randull B. when he cometh to yeares of age shall make an assignement to his mother and my wiffe Margaret B. for terme of hir lyffe of a lytle freholde land bought in his name and lyinge in Hangmⁿ parishe It is my wyll that my sonne John B. shall houlde him selfe sufficientlye satisfied and contented for his chylde^e parte with nyne pownd^e of money payd alreadye for him in byndinge him prentice in Chester And if the foresayd John B. shall truelye and honestlye serve out his yeares of prentishippe then after these yeares expyred and he be made freeman of his trade he shall p^resently have and enioye one ferme taken for him in Hangmⁿ parishe My sonne Richard B. besyde a tenemente in Tylston provided for him shall have five pownd^e payd unto him by my executors either toward^e the maynteyninge of him a whyle in the universytie of Cambridge or els for helpinge him to be bound prentyce to some honest occupa^{co}n in London Chester Shrewesbury or els where Also my sayde foure sonnes William Randull John and Richard shall not aske nor any of them clayme any further ptes of their chylde^e partes of my good^e but be fullye satisfyed and contented It is my wyll that Margaret my wiffe sometyme called Margaret sailcocke mother to the said foure sonnes William Randull John and Richard shall for the better mantenaunce of hir selfe and my two daughters enioy all the profette of the two fermes taken for my

sonnes William and John untill their prentishippe be come out My said wiffe Margaret B. shall have the rule and governemente of myne other twoe sonnes Randull and Richard and of their fermes and tenement^e so longe as she shall continue widdowe And yf she shall happen to marrye or abuse my sayd chyldren and their good^e then it shall be lawfull at the will and discretion of myne executours and overseers to see their tenement^e disposed to my chyldrens beste p^rfermente I gyve to be disposed to the poore twentye shilling^e It is my wyll that all the reste and resydue of my good^e cattel^e and debt^e be devided amongste my said wiffe and my twoe daughters Margaret and Marye B. my wiffe [to] have the one halfe of them and the other halfe to be equally parted betwene my two daughters And I doe make my said wiffe Margaret and my sayd sonne Randull B. and my most assured and faithfull frend Robert Watsonne¹ clerke person of Tylston these three to be my trustye executours And to oversee this my last wyll I doe appoynte and instantlye desyre my faythfull and very lovinge frend^e M^r Owen Stockton of Cuddington and M^r William Collye of Ebnall And in full witenes to this &c. and to evye parte and pcell thereof I the said John B. the testator have hereunto putt my seall and subscribed my name &c. Witnesses Thomas Williamsonne Edward Harmer.

THE WILL OF ROBERT NEWALL OF LOWER TOWNHOUSE.²

IN the name &c. the first daye of Februarye in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundrethe fourescore and one

¹ "S^r Rob^t Wattsonne p^rsone of Tilston was stalled there 8 June 1578," having succeeded John Dye (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 3), who was buried at Tilston 25th May, 1578. He resigned in 1603. — *The Registry, Chester*.

² Proved 17th February, 1581 [1581.2]. Robert Newall of Town House was the

[1581-2] and in the xxiiith yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne ladye quene Elizabeth the I Robert Newall of the Lower Towne Howse in the pyshe of Rachdale yomā beinge sicke in bodie but in good and pfect remembrance praised be God therefore doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament &c. First I geve and bequethe my soule &c. Ifm yt is my will and mynd that Withm Greave Arthure Scolfeld Robert Butterworth and Robert . . . den shall receyve and take the issues and profite of two ptes of all my lande &c. in Lower Towne Howse in Hundersfeld to the use and behouffe of Dorothee Newall my daughter and such child or children as Elin my wyffe is now wyth child for and duryng the terme of xv yeares next and imediatly ensuyng the daye [of the death] of me the said Robert Newall toward theire education and preferment to . . . expiration and end of the said terme of xv yeres then to the use and behouffe Newall my soñe and heyre apparent and his heyres for ever And concernyng [my] moveable goodē yt is my will that they shall be devided into three [parts] wherof I geve one part unto Elin my wyffe in the name of her [dower] another pt I geve unto Dorothee my daughter and to such child or children [as] my wyffe is now wyth child wythall the third pte belongynge to my selfe [after my debts] payed and funerall expence dyscharged I geve wholly unto Dorothee my for pformance of this my last will &c. I make Elin my said wyffe [my true] and lawfull executrix Supvisors I make Charles Holt esquire and Bonaventure

only son of Laurence Newall of the same, Gent., descended from Laurence Newall of Shipden Hall in the parish of Halifax, Gent., who was living 31 Hen. VI., and whose son, William Newall, acquired Town House by his marriage with Isabella, elder daughter and coheires of Christopher Kershagh of the same, as appears by deeds dated 6 and 8 July 31 Hen. VI. and 20 July 18 Edw. IV. The testator was a minor on the death of his father (will dated 2nd April 1557), and was the ward of Robert Savile of Pullayne, co. Lincoln, Esq., 6th February 7 Eliz. 1565. He ob. 4th February 1581-2. His post mortem inquisition is dated 22nd September 40 Eliz.—See Gastrell's *Not. Cust.* vol. ii. part. i. p. 136.

Caryngton Witnes Thomas Holt Robert Duerden Robert Butt-
worth yong² and others.

Robert Newall + his marke.

THE WILL OF ROBERT TATTON OF
WITHINSHAW, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. I Robt Tatton of Wthinshaw in the countye of
Chester esquier beinge in healthe of bodye and of good remem-
brance I thanke my Lorde God therof nev²thelesse knowinge that
nothinge is more certen then deathe and the tyme therof most uncer-
ten do therfore and in the better discharge of my conscience and
quietnes of mynde make &c. this my testament &c. ffyrst I do
comend my soulle to Almightye God my Creator and Redemer
trustinge and moste faythefully belevinge that throughe and only by
the passion and bytter deathe of his only begotten Sonne o^r Savior
Jesu Crist I shalbe washed from the ffylthenes of synne and therby
attayne the p^sence and function [fruition] of his devyne maiestye
in his eternall celestiaall kingedome and my body I will to be layd
in my pishe church of Northen in my capell theare if it please God
I depte this worlde wthin the seyd countye And for my funerall
charges I refferr the same to the dyscreccion of my executors and I

¹ Proved December 1st, 1579. Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq., son of John Tatton by Margaret daughter of Ralph Davenport of Chester, married Dorothy daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq., and had issue William, his son and heir, who married Mary daughter of Sir Edward Fitton of Gawsworth Knt; 2, John; 3, Robert, buried 1610; 4, Edward of Etchells, buried 23rd May 1632; 5, Nicholas; and two daughters, Elizabeth wife of John Ward of Capesthorpe, and Dorothy who married 1st November 1582 *James Bradshaigh of Haigh co. Lanc. Esq.* The testator died in June 1579. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 819. Thomas William Tatton of Withenshaw Esq. is the representative of this family.

will that my executors shall wthout delaye paye and discharge my funerall^e and all other suche lawfull dutyes and debtes as I owe to any pson uppon my pper goode^e and cattall^e tackes and tythes My will is that my seid executors shall yerely recyve from the daye of my deathe all the yerely rentt^e of all my demeane landes now belonginge to my manor or mansion howsse of Wthinshawe in Northen and also the rentt^e issues &c. of all suche land^e &c. w^{ch} I latelye purchased of John Davenport of Henburye esquier deceased lyinge in Echell^e and now occupied by me as my demesne land^e belonginge to my mansion howsse of Wthinshaw untill they have fully taken upp of the sayd demeane lands ffoure hundrethe markes toward^e the p^rferment in mariage of Dorothe Tatton my doughter w^{ch} summ of ffoure hundrethe markes my will is shalbe payd to my seid doughter uppon reasonable request at suche tyme as she shalbe married or attayne the full age of xxiiijth yeres and if she dye before mariage then so moche as shalbe receyved toward^e [her] p^rferment [shall be] equally devyded amongst my yonger sonnes then lyvinge and then I will the rev^ecion of all the p^rmysses to remayne to my sonne William Tatton and the heires malles of his bodye wth other remaynders o^v accordinge to the true meaninge of a pere [of] indentures triptite dated 2 Nov. 10 Eliz. betwene me the said Robt Tatton on the first ptie Wifm Bothe of Dunham esquire on the second ptie and Wifm Massye of Podington esq. on the thyrde ptie except my seid mansion howsse of Wthinshaw &c. hereafter by me bequeathed to my seid wyeff for terme of her lieff onlye for asmoche as she hathe no convenient mansion house to kepe hospitalytie in but the man^con manor housse of the Pele of Echell^e w^{ch} is not sufficientlye buyldid for her to dwell in and especiallye for asmoche as the same howsse is distant from her parishe churche two mylles she beinge not able to travell so farr in her olde yeres to here Gods devyne servyce Therefore I will that my seid wyeff shall duringe her lyeff or so longe as she shall there abyde and kepe hospytalytie have my

man^{cōn} howsse of W^{thin}shaw and all the howsses buyldinge^ç courtes gardens &c. and the sevall pcell^ç of the seid demeane land^ç nere adioyninge That is to sey the Calfe Crofte the Swyne Pke the two closes of land called the Lower Saxeffelde and the Higher Saxeffelde Emot^ç Eie the Longe Eie the Halle ffelde and the medowe on the backesyde of the stable beinge pcell of the seid demeane land^ç she payinge yerely for the same to my seid sonne Wi^ltm and his heires males foure mⁱkes provyded alwayes that if my seid sonne Wi^ltm or his heires males will lawfully assure to my seid wyeff the man^{cōn} dwellinge howse of the rectorie of Northerden wth all other the howsses orchard^ç gardens courtes and yardes therunto apptenyng^e and also so moche good pasture or erable land of the demeanes of W^{thin}shaw called Bradles w^{ch} liethe nere fitt and comodyous for my seid wyeff as will kepe her yerely twelve kie duringe her lyeff she payinge yerely for the seid man^{cōn} howsse of the seid rectorie &c. tenne shilling^ç and for seid pasture of aireable land called Bradles twentie foure shilling^ç then my seid sonne Wi^ltm to have my man^{cōn} howsse of W^{thin}shawe excepte the seid pasture or aireable land for feadinge or kepinge of the seid twelve kie I geve &c. to my seid wieff my man^{cōn} howsse of my manor of Echell^ç with all the demeane land^ç belonging^e therunto and the land called the Pele Parke beinge pcell of the sayd demeane land^ç and all inclosures and intackes of land leyed to the same as they be compased withe pale hedge or dyche and now beinge in my owne occupa^{cōn} and also my land^ç w^{thin} Bolshaw or Bolshaw Wood w^{ch} is and of oulde tyme hathe ben knowen as pcell of the seid demeans of Echell^ç and all the land^ç w^{ch} lately were in the sevall occupa^{cōns} of Renald Rylle of the Wood John Baylieff and Renald Rylle of the Lūme deceased all w^{ch} be now in my owne occupa^{cōn} to have &c. for her naturall lyeff payinge yerely to my sonne Wi^ltm and to [his] heires males for the seid demeane land^ç pke &c. six pound^ç threttyne shilling^ç and foure pence and for the land^ç late in the tenure of

Renald Rylle of the Wood nientene shillinge foure pence and for the lande late in the tenure of John Bailieff fouretene shillinge and for the land late belonging to the tēte of the seyd Renald Rylle of the Lūme three shillinge foure pence accordinge to the ancient rent and that my seid wieff uppon her prop coste and chardges shall upholde the howsing of the seid mancōn howsse of Echelle wth sufficient repacons from tyme to tyme as nede requierthe and she to take convenient tymber wthin the seid pke to do the same wthall I geve to my wieff sufficient turbarie uppon my mosse rowme at Shadowe Mosse and belonging to my seid mancōn housse called the Pele and sufficient housseboote fyreboote ploughe boote haye boote hedge boote and carte boote to be taken yerely to my seid .
 . wieff as well wthin the Pele Pke as also wthin any others of the seid demeane lande duringe her lieff to be spent at the Pele of Echelle afore seid or at anye other place wthin the pishe of Northerden where my wieff shalbe comorante comittinge no wilfull waste I geve to my seid wieff my fferme of all the tythe cornes and haie in Echelle afforesaid beinge wthin the pishe of Stopport duringe the yeares w^{ch} I have yet to come in the seid fferme accordinge to covenūte of mariage made betwixt Wiifm Tatton my seid sonne and heire apparant and Mary eldest doughter of Sr Edward ffytton knyghte bearinge date 2 Sept. 6 Edw. VI. provided alwaies that if my seid wieff happen to marrie and take a husband that then all the demyses geiftes &c. bequeathed to my seid wieff to sease and be utterlye voyde and then I will &c. all the same to suche of my sonnes as then shalbe my heire male And where by my dede beringe date the viijth daye of November in the sixt yere of the reigne of the late kinge Edward the Sixte I enfeofed Rondulphe ffytton and John Henshaw gen^t and their heires in peell of my lande tent^e &c. in Northerden Kenworthe [Kenworthy] Tympley Altrincham Oldefeld in Dunham and Mylington in the seid countie of Chester to the yerely valewe of twentie m^lkes to have &c. to th^e use of Wiifm Tatton

my seid sonne and heire and to Marie his wieff for their two lyves and to their assignes And for asmoche as the reste of my lande tent &c. be demysed &c. to remayne after my deceasse to my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton and to th'eires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for default &c. to [my] heires males &c. Therfore my will is that he my seid sonne Wiſſm wthin on twelffe monethes next after my deceasse shall assure and conveye to Rodger Pylston of Emrall in the countye of Flynte and to Richard Byrkenhed of the cytie of Chester esquires and their heires all the seid lande &c. to th'use of my seid sonne Wiſſm and the seid Marye and to th'eires males &c. of me the seid Robt as before I have intayled the rest of my seid lande &c. and if my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton refuse to assure and conveye the seid lande and teñte wthin one twelve monthe next after my deceasse then and immedyatlye after suche refusall my will is that all my manors messuage lande &c. w^{ch} I have purchased since the covenūte of mariage made betwene me the seid Robt Tatton on th'on ptie and Sr Edward ffytton knight on th'other ptie shalbe and remayne to Robt Tatton sonne and heire apparant of Wiſſm Tatton my seid sonne and to th'eires males of [his] body and for default &c. [remainder] to th'eires males of the body of the seid Wiſſm my sonne [remainder to my heirs male &c. remainder to my right heirs] And if my sonne Wiſſm die before me the seid Robt or wthin twelve monethes after or before anye suche assurance made then Robt Tatton before named shall assure &c. the seid messuage lande &c. wthin one yere next after he shall accomlishe the age of twentie and one yeres to the seid Rodger Puleston and Richard Byrkenheade and their heires in suche man^r &c. as my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton is bounden by this my last will to do And where I have covenūted by indenture made betwene me on the on ptie and Sr Edmund Peckham and Sr George Peckham knight on th'other ptie to paye to the sayd Sr Edmund and Sr George fortie ffyve pounde sixe shillinge eight pence and for default of payment then

the sayd Sr Edmunde and Sr George shall entre into my seid manor of Echellē and the same shall have for manye yeres yet to come Therefore my will is that my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton or suche other of my sonnes as it shall please God to ordeyne to be my heire shall yerelye paye unto the seid Sr Edmunde and Sr George duringe the terme of yeres w^{ch} I have lately had of theym in the seid ffarne of Echellē and others landē teñtē and heredytam^{te} the seid sūme of xlv^{li} vj^s viij^d at the ffeastē of the nativitie of Saint John Babbist and Saint M^{artin} in winter by evin porcōns And where by the seid covenāte made betwene the said Edward ffytton knyghte by the name of Edward ffytton esquier and me the sayd Robt Tatton I the seid Robt do covenāte that I by my last will shall bequethe unto my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton the occupaōn of all my ffarmes called Echellē Aldeford and Alderley and also the occupaōn of the psonage of Northen and Bowdon and all tythes oblaōns and other comodities belonginge to the seid psonage for terme of [his] lieffe [remainder] unto th'eires of the seid Wiſſm for mayntenēce of good hospitallitie at W^{thin}shawe Now I the seid Robt in full accomplishment of the seid covenāte bequeathe to my seid sonne Wiſſm Tatton the seid ffermes and landē in Echellē &c. excepte suche as I have before in this my will bequethed to my wieff for terme of her lieff and also excepte my legasie geven to my daughter Dorothe and the psonage of Northerden and Bowdon and all the tythes &c. to the seid Wiſſm for terme of his lieff and to th'eires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for default &c. to th'eires males of the bodye of me the seid Robt Tatton And where the seid Sr Edward ffytton standethe bound to me by wrytinge obligatorie in ffyve hundrethe poundē that he shall suffer evye of these psons whom I have admytted teñtē w^{thin} the seid manors of Aldford and Alderley and whose names are menōned in a cedula to ether pte of a wrytinge of covenāte indentyd made betwene the seid Sr Edward on th'on pte and my selfe on th'other pte dated the xxxth daye of Maye in the thirde and fourth yeres of the

reignes of kinge Phillippe and queane Marie wherof the one pte remainethe wth me amonge the rest of my evidenc^e quietlye to hold the lande and teñt^e in the sayd cedula to theim graunted and demysed w^{thout} ffyne or incume so that the same psons do dulia paie theire rent^e &c. unto the seid S^r Edward his heires or assignes my will is that if the seid S^r Edward his heires &c. shall at any tyme after my deceasse expulse or evicte any of the same psons from their queet possessions of the seid lande and teñt^e that then my executors &c. shall immediatlye uppon suche expulsion therof comence sute againte the seid S^r Edward his heires &c. by all and evye wayes and meanes as by learned counsell shalbe demysed and that the same sute to be followed w^{thout} any delatorie meanes of my seid executors uppon [their] cost^e and charges and they to take allowance of the sum of money to be recov^{ed} and the rest of the same sum or penaltie of fyve hundrethe pounde beinge recov^{ed} my will is to be devyded in man^r followinge that is to sey the one halfe to suche of my executors as shall ffolowe the sute and th'other half to be bestowed in workes of m^cye and to the poore and nedye and also recompence to suche as shalbe expulsed or putt forthe of their seid ffermes or teñt^e I^m wheras Anne Mason my base sister hathe hitherto of my gifte a chamber wherin she now dwellethe at the psonage of Northerden wth a baye of housinge to laye her fuell and fyrewood in and also a lytle garden on the backe syde of the same w^{thout} rent painge therfore I desire my said sonn Wi^{llm} to make to my seid sister the like graunt and my wieff to fynde her as hetherto she and I have don duringe her leffe bothe wth meat drinke and clothe and if she survive my seid wieff then I do geve and bequethe to her to fynde her uppon duringe her lieff the close of land called Langelye pcell of my seid demeane of W^{thin}shawe w^{thout} rent payinge therfore after the seid sum of foure hundrethe m^kes be levyed uppon the seid close and other my demeane land of W^{thin}shaw before appoynted for the paym^t of the seid marriage money of my said doughter Dorothe unlesse my sonn

Wiffm will find her my sister as heretofore I have don Whereas I bought of my unckle Robt Bothe of Tabley gent a teñte and burgage in Altrincham w^t th'app'tenñe in the countie of Chester now in the tenure and occupaçõn of Wiffm Chorlton and late in the holdinge of John Walker deceassed of the yerely rent of viij^s iiij^d I do geve &c. the seid teñt and burgage wth all dedes and writinge therunto belonginge to Robt Tatton on of my yonger sonnes to have &c. the same after my deceasse to him the seid Robt the sonne and his heires for ev^{er} wth all land therunto belonginge Also it is my will full mynd and intent that suche pson or psons to whom I have graunted or hereafter shall graunt any pte of my land &c. wthin the counties of Chester and ffynte under my hande and seale shall quietly holde and occupie the same wthout expulsion evicçõn lett or troble of my heires yeldinge theire rent sūt &c. expressed in the seid grant I geve &c. to my seid sonn Wiffm Tatton the jewell plates good and cattall hereafter pticularly expressed to th'entent the same maye continew and remayne as heire lomes ffrom on heire to another that shall by God's pmission inheritt my seid manors and land and uppon condiçõns that my seid sonn Wiffm doe obeye unto observe and fulfill this my testament and last will That is to seye my cheyne of gold my signet of gold my seale of armes ingraven in silver my best salt of silver wth a cover of the same all gilte a drinkeinge pott of silver wth a cover of the same all gilte the best dosen of silver sponnes and a gilte sponne of silver geven to be and remayne as an heire lome at Wthinshawe by my late servant and bailiffe John Jannye of Northerden deceassed my chest of ireron and the longe coffer wth lockes and kayes belonginge standinge in my comptinge howsse and all my harnes and weaponns wth other munyçõns for the warres also the furneyes of leade and the greatt brasse pott adioyninge to the same furneyes standinge in the brewhowse a peyre of longe racks of ireron two of the gretest broches the greatest chaffer of copper a great mortar of brasse and the cestren of leade in

the kylne provided alwayes that before the sayd jewelle plate goodē and cattallē be to him delyv^d or by him possessed and also before my evidencē writinge &c. concerninge my seid manors landē &c. that then he or they that shall so receyve and enioye the seid jewelle and evidencē shalbe first bounden by writinge obligatorie in the som of fyve hundrethe pounce to my executors that my seid sonn Wiſſm Tatton shall stand to observe this my last will and testament and if my seid sonn Wiſſm refuse to fulfill this my p^{re}sent testament or lett and hinder my executors then I doe geve will &c. all suche of my manors messuage landē tentē &c. w^{ch} I have purchased since the covenantē of mariage made between me the seid Robt Tatton and the seid S^r Edward ffytton knight to Robt sonn and heire apparant of the said Wiſſm Tatton and to th'eires males of the bodye of the seid Robt lawfullye begotten apon suche like condi^{ti}ōns &c. as are containyd in the seid peyre of indentures tryptite dated 2 Nov. 10 Eliz. made betwene me the seid Robt on the first ptie and the seid Wiſſm Bothe esqr on the second ptie and the seid Wiſſm Massie esquire on the thride pte provyded alwayes that duringe the tyme that my seid wief be mynded to habyde and inhabyte at my seid manor howsse of W^{thin}shawe she to have and occupie at her will and pleasure the said furnes of leade the great brasse pott adioyninge to the same furnes and the cestren of leade in the kilne at all tyme and tymes as she shall have nede therof wthout lett or contrady^{cti}ōn of any pson or psonē And wheare I have by my sevall dedes geven and graunted to ev^{er}y of my yonger sonnes landē and tentē duringe their lyves under my hand and seale and the same fullye executed before wittnes lyvinge and beinge wthin the counties of Chester and fflynt my will and full mynd is that the same my gyftes and grauntē to theym geven shall stand to theym in full satisfac^{ti}ōn of their childe pties and por^{ti}ōns My will is that my waytinge servauntē wth my butler cooke and howsek ev^{er}y of theym to have a blacke at my buriall and a whole quarters wages besides the wages to theym

due at the daye of my deceasse the rest of all my servn̄tē as well women as men to have a quarters wages besides the wages due unto theym The rest of all my goodē and cattallē unbequethed my funerall expences and my debtes trulye and justleye payed I geve to my wyffe towardē the better mayntenⁿce of hospitallitie and to do for my seid doughter Dorothe in waye of her better p̄ferm^t in marriage or otherwayes lyvinge sole in honest name and fame And fynellye for faithefull hope trust and confidenes I have alwayes found in my seid wieff¹ and for the truste I have reposed in my derely beloved ffrend Rodger Puleston of Emrall in the countie of Flynt and Rondulphe Davenport of Henburie in the countie of Chester esquires and also in my trustie servante Owen Barton gen^t I do ordeyne make and constitute theym my executors for the trew pformance and fulfillinge of this my last will and testament and for their paynes and travell therin to be taken I geve to ev̄ye of theym a blacke gowne or clocke and fyve m̄kes a pece to ev̄ye of theym in gold And I shall most hartely desire the Right Worshippfull Sr Withm Bothe knight to be overseer of this my seid will and testament forasmoche as he standethe so nere in blode to my seid wieff and my children and for his paynes I will him a blacke gowne or clocke and my beste geldinge for a token of remembrance And in wittnes &c. I have hereunto putt my seale and subscribed to the same wth my owne hand the tenthe daye of December in the twentiethe and on yere of the reigne of o^r sovraine Elizabeth by the grace &c. 1578 Theis beinge witnesses at the sealinge of this p̄nt will Homfrey Birron clerke pson of Chedill John Barret clerke pson of Northerden Thomas Asheton Andrewe Bouthe.

An inventorie of the late goodē and cattallē of Robt Tatton esquier who deceased the xvij daie of June an^o regni Elizabeth reginæ &c. xxj et an^o Dñi 1579 vewed and apraysed the last daie of

¹ Buried 3rd June, 1608.

June in the yere aforeseid by Humffray Davenport gent Reynald Kelsall James Hardinge Robt Knevett Henry Goodeare wth others.

Plate and furnytüre for y^e buttrye Inp^rmis a cheyne of gould of y^e valew of li^{li} I^{fm} two ringgē or signette of gould valewed iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^{fm} two sylver bowles all gilt wth one cover of the same xij^{li} I^{fm} one drinking pott of syl^v all gilt w^t a cov^r of the same iij^{li} I^{fm} a salt of silver w^t a cov^r all gilt viij^s I^{fm} ij other saltē of silver all gilt xx^s I^{fm} iij dosen of syl^v spones w^t one great spone duble gilt xij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^{fm} v bassens and v yeawers on pew^r wth iij other washynge basens xxiiij^s I^{fm} iij pewter cannes vj^s viij^d I^{fm} vj great voyders xiiij^s iij^d I^{fm} a dosen of trencher plates vj^s I^{fm} xxviij candlestickē wherof iij are of pew^r and y^e rest of brasse xxviij^s I^{fm} in pew^r saltsers drynkyng pottē glasses trenshers cannes ij ketles of lead to wasshe cuppes in and other nessaries for the buttry xiiij^s iij^d I^{fm} barrills hogsheds standē troughes and other imploym^t belongyng to y^e sellor iij^{li} ffurnytu^r for the kytchin I^{fm} xvj brasse pottē a chaffer of brasse v brasse ladles and iij skym^ls vj^{li} x^s I^{fm} vj kytchin knyves and iij chaffeing dishes v^s I^{fm} ij brasse morters wth pestels xiiij^s iij^d I^{fm} iij dripping pannes of irene and ij frying pannes vj^s viiiij^d I^{fm} iij peire of golbards v peire of potte hookes six racks a beyrer of iron two peire of tongues and a fyre shovell xx^s I^{fm} viij broches ffyve grydde irons three brendrette a fleshe axe and a grater xxij^s vj^d I^{fm} sixtene dosen of pewter disshes and soucers vj^{li} vj^s viij^d I^{fm} tymber vessels belongyn to y^e larder house xx^s Deahouse I^{fm} belongyng to y^e deahouse xij brasse pannes vij skellettē two ladles and a scomer iij^{li} I^{fm} a vessell of lead esshyns standē and oy^l tymber ware xlvj^s viij^d Brewe house and backe house I^{fm} six great vessels of tymber called keares wth other ffurnytüre for the brewehouse and backehouse iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Storehouse I^{fm} two diapre table clothes one dosen and halfe of diap napkyns two diaper towels and two diaper cubbourd cloathes xxvj^s viij^d I^{fm} xxxv table clouthes xlij towels xxv dosen table napkyns xxij cupbourd clouthes valewed

att xvj^{li} x^s viij^d Iſm in lynnen yorne xijj^{li} vj^s viij^d Iſm in wolle
valedwed xl^s Iſm cheſtes tables and other neceſſaries remayning in
the ſtoore houſe xxvj^s viij^d Iſm carpette and xij wrought pyllowes
or cuſſhons as cheiſeſt for parlors and chambers wth the tables formes
and cupboards lying in y^e dyning plour x^{li}—ffurnytuſ for beding Iſm
xjx^{ae} ffetherbedde xxxv boulters xxxij matresis pyllowes xxvj pyl-
lowe beares xxj peire blankette liiiij covlette lxxvij bed coving x^{ae}
ſheites foure ſcore and xvij peire in the whole valedwed to Cxj^{li} iiij^d
Iſm bedstocke curtens teſternes hengyng wendow cuſhions car-
pette for wyndowes cheares ſtooles and cuſhyons coiffers cheſts and
cupboards wth other neceſſaries for chambers xxv^{li} x^s Houſes Iſm a
ſtoned horſe v geldinge ij mares and a little nagge two coultes of
three yeres ould y^e one ſtoned two coults of two yeres ould and one
of one yere ould valedwed at xlij^{li} Iſm jx woork horſes and mares
with two yong coultre xviij^{li} Oxen kyne and oſ cattell Iſm jx yocke
of draught oxen valedwed liiiij^{li} Iſm xlj kyne and two bulles valedwed
lxjx^{li} Iſm ij fatt beiste vj oxen one bulle and xxvij kyne valedwed
lxxiiij^{li} Iſm iiij ſteares of thre yeres old vj^{li} iij^s iiij^d Iſm xxv yong
beaſte of two yeres old xxv^{li} Iſm xxv yong beaſte of one yere old
xv^{li} Iſm xxx waynelyng calves valedwed vij^{li} xv^s Iſm xxxiiij ſhepe
valedwed v^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Iſm lv ſwyne of all ſortes valedwed xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d
Iſm pullen valedwed xx^s Stable Iſm xj ſadles and oſ furnytuſ in
y^e ſtable xl^s Iſm a kyne of bricke xx^{li} Huſbandry ware Iſm
waynes cartes plowes harrowes yokes axes bills agnes and all oſ
neceſſaries and impleym^te belongyng to huſbandrie xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d
Corn in y^e garſh Iſm malt and oſ corn in y^e garſh xx^{li} Corn
growng in y^e dameynes Iſm wheat beannes barlie and oſ corne
ſowen and growng wthin y^e demeynes lx^{li} jx^s iiij^d S^m to^{lis} 754^{li}
8^s 6^d.

THE WILL OF EDMUND PRESTWICH
OF HULME, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. the nine and twentythe day of May in the
yeare of oure Lord God 1598 I Edmund Prestwich of Hulme
in the county of Lancaster Esquire beinge sicke in body but of good
and pfect remembrance &c. do make this my last will &c. ffirst
and principallie I commend my soule &c. And my body to be
buried in the Collegiat Church of Manchester in my ffunerall place
there And as touchinge all and singular my manors mesuage lande
&c. whatsoever wthin the sayde counties of Lancaster and Lyncolne
I give and devise [the same] unto Edmund P. my sonne and heire
apparant and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten
And for defaulte of such issue and I give &c. the remaÿder therof
to Rauffe P. my second sonne and to the heirs males &c. And for
defaulte &c. to Ellize P. my thyrd sonne and to the heires &c.
And for defaulte &c. to John P. my fourth sonne and to the heires
&c. And for defaulte &c. to Thomas Prestwich my ffifth sonne
and to the heires &c. And for default &c. the remaynder therof to
the right heires of me the sayd Edmund P. the father for ever And
provided nevertheles that Margret P. now my wief shall have and

¹ Proved 15th July 1598. Edmund Prestwich of Hulme Esq. (buried at the Collegiate Church 15th June, 1598) had issue Edmund his son and heir baptized 1577; Ralph baptized 1580; Ellis baptized 1581; John baptized 1588; Thomas; Ellen wife of Leonard Ashall of Shawe Esq., and was buried at Flixton in 1596; Isabel baptized 1583, wife of Arthur Dee M.D., son of John Dee Warden of Manchester; Ellen baptized 1584-5, married to Adam Byrom of Salford Esq.; and three other daughters. Edmund Prestwich, the eldest son, married Margaret daughter of Edward younger son of Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt., and had issue John Prestwich Fellow of All Souls Oxford died 30th July 1679, and an elder son Thomas created a Baronet in 1644. The family was ruined by their exertions as royalists, and the property passed by sale in 1660 to the Mosley family. See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 68.

enjoy (for and duringe her naturall liffe) the third pte of all my sayd manors &c. &c. accordinge to the laws of this realme &c. And further as touchinge all my sayd goode cattell &c. yt ys my will that my dettē yf there be anye and my ffunerall charges shall be payd and taken up of my wholl goode And all the rest of my said goode shall be devided into three equall pte wherof one pte I doe give &c. unto Margaret P. now my wief The seacond pte I doe give &c. to be devided equally amongst all my children (except Edmund P. my sonne and heire) And the third and last I doe reserve to my selfe to be bestowed in legacies as hereafter I shall limytt and appoynt I doe give &c. unto Edmund P. my sonne and heire my cheyne of gould and all the glasse in every wyndow in the hall plars and chambers belonging to Hulme Hall and also all the waynscott and seelinge standinge in every place of the sayd hall chambers and plars uppon condiçōn that hee doe allowe such leases as I shall make unto my yonger sonnes only for one and twenty years of certen mesuages &c. uppon every of w^{ch} leases ther shall be yearly reserved to me and my heire the owld and accustomed yearely rentē And so also that my sayd sonne Edmund P. do likewise allowe and approve such anuytie as I shall make to every of my sayd yonger sonnes only for the terme of life of such sonnes out of my sayd manors lands &c. so that every of the sayd anuyties severally do not excede the sōme of ffower pownde yearly for every one of them. And all the rest of my pte of goode I do give &c. to be equally devided betwixt my two yonger doughters Isabell and Ellyne P. towardē their better advancement and preferment in marriage Also yt ys my will that yf any of my saide children doe depte this life before they shall have receivede ther porçōn of goodes then that his or her pte shall be devided equally amongst the survivors of them Also yt ys my will that Margaret my wife shall have the tuiçōn rule and government of all my children and theire severall porçōns of goode untill they shall severally accomplish the

age of twentye and one yeares or come to marriage whether yt shall please God sooner to happen I doe constitute &c. Margaret my wyf sole executrix and I doe desire my lovinge brother M^r Edward Brereton my sonn in lawe Leonard Ashall gent. and my brother in law Robt Leigh to be overseers &c. And all former wills heretofore by mee made I doe utterly renounce In wittnes &c. in the presant^e of theis persons Thomas Smyth Jhon Greeneall Thomas Wyld Lobert Leigh.

The inventory is very long, and amounts to £754 5s. 8d.

THE WILL OF JOHN TALBOT OF
SALESBURY, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. I John Talbot of Salisbry w^{thin} the countie of Lancast^r esquier somethyng diseased in my bodye but hoole of mynde &c. &c. make and orden thys my p^{re}sent testamēte &c. ffirst I comēde my soule to Almyghty God and to all the holy cōpanye of heaven and my bodye to be buried w^{thin} the pisshe churche at Blakeburne in the chapell on the southesyde of the churche thear And I geve and bequethe unto S^r Rychard Hoghton knyght my best gowne to th^eentente to be supvisor of thys my last will and see the same pformed I geve &c. unto my son in law

¹ No date of probate. The testator, descended from a younger son of Talbot of Bashall, married first Anne, daughter of Hugh Sherburne Esq. of Stonyhurst, and secondly Anne, daughter of Richard Banastre of Altham. By his first wife he had issue John Talbot his son and heir; Anne, who married . . . Hothersall of Hothersall; Isabel, wife of Wilfrid Banister of Stainton; and several other children.—*Suffield MSS.* His descendant, John Talbot of Salesbury Esq., buried at Blackburn 11th October 1677, left an only daughter and heiress Dorothy, who married Edward Warren of Poynton Esq., ancestor of George Warren Lord de Tabley, the manerial owner of Salesbury and Dinkley.

Wilfride Banester my regalle¹ and my virgynalle I geve unto Anne my wiffe all suche leases and tackes as I have of S^r Thom's Talbot knyght of certen tithes as in the said lease it dothe appere and also of Thom's Heskett esquier of certen closes and landes lieng to the manor howse of Dynkeley Moreov² all suche tackes and bargaynes as my brother Wiffm Talbot hath grannted and made unto me of the manor howse of Dynkeley (which he maketh clame and title to by the gyfte of his father and myne) w^t all landes medowes &c. to the same belongyng I geve &c. holly unto Anne my said wiffe And in case hys gyft be pved voide and of none effecte then I wyll that all suche goodes and so^mes of money as I have contented and payd unto my said brother and hys assignes by the order and awarde of S^r John Atherton knyght my brother Edmund Hopwodde esquier for the p^mysses be contented and payd agayne unto my sayd wyffe and her assignes to th[']use and p^fitt of her and my chyldren Ifm I wyll that all suche dett^e and deuties as I owe of ryght or of conscience to any pson be well and truly contented and payd by mayne execu^t hereafter named And after my dett^e payd and my funerall expenses p^formed I geve &c. all my pte of goodes dett^e &c. whear so ev³ theye can be founde unto Anne my sayd wiffe And of thys my laste wyll I orden and make Anne my said wiffe my executrix and S^r Richard [Hoghton] knyght above said supvisor Wrytten the xxviiijth day of Auguste in the fyfte yeaere of the reigne of oure so^vaigne lorde Kyng Edward the sixt by the grace &c. These beyng witnesses p me Ranulphū Lynney² Vicariū de Blakburn p me Ricardū Morsten capellanū p me Edmundū Bolton capellanū p me Wiffm Adam Bolton cū aliis.

¹ *Regale*, a small and portable musical instrument, with pipes and bellows like an organ. There was until lately an officer in the Royal Chapel at St. James's called "Tuner of the Regals," with a salary of £56. — Halliwell.

² At Bishop Bird's visitation in 1547, the clergy who answered the call at Blackburn were Dns Ranulphus Lynney, Vicar of Blackburn (omitted in Baines's *Catalogue of Vicars*), Dns Edmundus Bolton, Dns Willus Rysheton. — *Liber Visit. in Cur. Cestr.* Rev. John Piccope's MSS.

THE WILL OF RANDULPHE DOD
OF EDGE, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The xjth daie of Maie 1576 I Randulphe Dod of Edge in the countie of Chester esquire doe make my laste will and testament in maner and forme followinge that is to saie I give and bequeath unto Urian Dod my sonne all my lande in this realme of England and to his heires male of his bodie lawfullie begotten and for wante of heires male of his bodie &c. to Bartelem Dod my brother accordinge to a graunte by me made upon this condiçion (that is to saie) my full mynde is and I doe give unto Elizabeth D. my welbeloved wief all that my capitall howse of Edge where I nowe dwell with all lande woodde milnes and waters to the same belonginge nowe in my owne occupaçion for her naturall lief and after her death to remayne to my sonne as aforesaid I give to my said wief all the wrytinge that I have from Wlthm Golburne of Orton for th'insuringe of John Golburne my sonne in lawe wth all profite to mee due by the same towardde his bringinge uppe I doe make my said wief my true and lawfull assignee in this behalf My will is that if it please God to take my sonne Urian out of this world not leavinge issue male behinde him wherby my land doth descend to my brothers or anie other pson that then suche pson as hath the same shall paie unto my seaven daughters seaven hundred

¹ Proved 7th June 1577. The testator married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Horton of Toternhoe co. Bedford, by whom he had Urian his son and heir, who died without issue (see his will p. 30 *supra*); Anne, wife of Hugh Massey of Broxton gent.; Jane, wife of Wren co. Kent; Margaret, married in 1581 to her cousin Randle Dod gent.; Elizabeth, married in 1584 Ralph Yeardley of Caldecote; Katherine, wife of John Goldbourne of Overton; Alice and Mary. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 374. That pedigree makes him to marry secondly Anne, daughter of Randle Brereton of Malpas. This, however, is an error, as his widow Elizabeth Dod's will, dated 17th October 1581, proves.

pownde I give unto Urian D. my said sonne my lande w^{ch} I bought in Stonbridge w^{ch} John Honer my tenante doth occupie I give unto my saide sonne my cheyne of golde one signett ringe my best salt one dosen of silver spoones all my seelinge glasse tables and bedstocke in my howse at Edge all my harnesse in the same howse all my apparell as well at London as els where all w^{ch} seelinge glasse tables and bedstocke salte and sil^v spoones my wief [shall] have the use and occupa^{co}n of them duringe her lief and then to remayne to my saide sonne I give to my wief the howse wherin David Johnson dwelleth I give unto Hughe Massie my sonne in lawe one younge geldinge w^{ch} I haue given him alreadie and the same is at his fathers howse at Broxton and two steares or bullocke I give unto John Golburne my sonne in lawe one younge geldinge w^{ch} I have given him alreadie and the same is at myne owne keepinge at Edge also two steares or younge bullocke I give unto Bartholemewe Dod my brother all the harnesse that hee hath of myne in his keepinge at London And for all the reste of my goodē cattallē leases croppes of wood on my demeane ground nowē growinge &c. I give the same unto Elizabeth D. my lovinge wief and to Urian D. my sonne to this ende that they shall paie unto my fyve daughters as yet not preferred in mariage the somme of fyve hundreth markes that is to saie unto Marie D. my daughter one hundreth markes to Jane D. my daughter one hundreth markes unto Margaret D. my daughter one hundreth marke unto Alice D. my daughter one hundreth marke and unto Elizabeth D. my daughter one hundreth marke And for the true executinge of this my last will I doe make my executors Elizabeth D. my welbeloved wief and Urian D. my sonne And overseers of the same the right worshipfull S^r Hughe Cholmondley knight and David D. my brother Witnesses of this testament Thomas Pixley Bartholemewe Candland.

THE WILL OF JOHN LECHE OF CARDEN
CO. CEST. ESQ.¹

IN Dei nomine amen The xvij daye of Maye in the yere of o^r Lorde God 1552 I John Leche of Carden wthin y^e conttye of Chester, beyng in good m^yde &c. do make my laste wyll &c. ffyrste I bequeth my solle to Almyghtie God to be ass[ociated] w^t y^e blessyd compayne of electe saⁿott^e in heven trustyng ffaythfully therof through o^r Savior Christe Jesus and my body to be buryed in y^e preche church of Tilstone yf I depte at my howsse in y^e said preche and yf so be y^t I depte at anye other place then to be buryed in y^e same preche church or yorde where I shall so depte accordyng as a Christian ought to be I wyll y^t Anne nowe my wyff shall have her joynter of all my land^e duryng her lyff naturall and also to have duryng her pure wyldohood and one yere next insueing after all y^t my howsse in w^{ch} I inhabite and dwell w^t all land^e belongyng to y^e same accordyng to a dede y^t I have made to Wiffm Hill clarke Thomas Wilbram Rychard Wilbram George Leche William Leche George Dorman and John Gratewood w^{ch} dede bayreth date y^e iiij daye of Januarye in y^e xxvijth yere of y^e rainge of o^r late so^vange lord Kyng Henre the viijth And I gyve to y^e sayd Anne my wyffe y^e howsse at Henshawe in w^{ch} Robart Kerrye dwelleth w^t y^e grond &c. duryng y^e tyme of her wyddohood I gyve to John Leche sone to my brother Henre all my other land^e and also y^e land^e aforsayd after [the] state be voyde y^t my wyff hath in y^e same to the sayd

¹ Proved July 30th, 1552. John Leche, son and heir of John Leche of Carden Esq. by Margaret, daughter and heiress of George Mainwaring of Ightfield, married Agnes, daughter and coheiress of George Dorman of Malpas, by whom he had no issue. At his death the estate passed to his nephew John Leche, and is now the property of his descendant John Hurleston Leche Esq. of Carden. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 385.

John and to y^e heyris male of his bodye lawfullye begotten for ev^{er} he payinge yerelye unto my brother Henre his father twenttye shyllynge durynge y^e naturall lyffe of Anne my wyff yf my sayd brother so longe do lyve and yf he fortune to o^{ver}lyve my sayd wyff then y^e sayd John and his heyris to paye yerelye unto his sayd ffather ffoure pounde tenne shillynge durynge all y^e tyme of his naturall lyffe and also pmyttynge his sayd father to haue y^e tenement in w^{ch} he dwellethe wth y^e grond and pertaynance w^{thout} payenge any rent therfore Where I holde by indenture of y^e grante of Sir Ry^c Maynwaringe knyght certeyne lande in y^e lordshipe of Streytton w^{thin} y^e conttye of Chester w^{ch} indenture beyreth date y^e xvijth daye of November 1537 (for y^e terme of lxxxij yeris next insuenge y^e sayd date) all my w^{ch} indenture (and ferme) I have assigned to Sir Rowland Hill knyght Sir Hugh Chomley knyght and Wylm Botley of Hoore gent. w^{ch} writyng beyreth date y^e xijth daye of October 1547 in w^{ch} writyng is a priso y^t yf Anne my wyffe do dysseace before th^e ende of yearis w^{thin} y^e forsayd indenture mencionyd y^t then after one howlle yere (and y^e costome) next followyng y^e dysseze and death of y^e sayd Anne y^e sayd gifte of assignement to be voyde and y^e forsayd resedue of yeris then unexpired to reymaynge and goe to hym or them as I shuld apoynte by my laste wyll and testament (for I made y^e sayd writyng to y^e intent my wyff shuld be assured of y^e sayd ferme durynge her naturall lyff) Wherffore y^e resedue of yeris unexpired aft^r the dethe of Anne my wyffe I gyve to my cossens James Hill and Henre Leche wth all y^e pphett^e therof to this intent y^t they shall resigne and assigne y^e same to John Leche (sone to my brother Henre) yf so be y^t he at y^e demand of y^e sayd James and Henre putte in sufficient shewertties to be bond in y^e some of a hundred pond^e to pforme these condissions ffollowyng ffyrste y^t he make all suche assurances at y^e o^{ver}sight of Anne my wyffe my brother William Leche my cossen James Hill my brother Henre Leche that no pte of my lande nor y^e sayd ferme shall nev^{er} be sold

nor sett but to use all y^e same (as I have done in my lyffe tyme) to his owne pper use and y^e heyris male of his bodye lawfullye begotten Secunderlye y^t he shalbe orderid and appowntyed what honeste woman he shall take to wyff by y^e sayd Anne William James Henre or three of them and of y^e mariage monye y^t he shall have w^t y^e sayd woman to paye towardē y^e mariagē of Margerye and Jane sisters to y^e sayd John twenttye m^lkē Thrydlye y^t he shall paye unto y^e sayd James and Henre (and they to paye hit to y^e use hereaft^r specified) twenttye and twoo m^lkē wthin three yeris next insuenge y^e death of Anne my wyff and yf y^e sayd John refuce to pforme y^e sayd condissions then the sayd James and Henre to assigne y^e indenture (and ferme) to whom my executorē shall appowntte I gyve &c. unto Anne my wyff all my instuffe or howssold stuffe (excepte a fetherbed a bolster a covenge to a bed a longe meate bord a nother syde bord w^t y^e tressellē to y^e same ij coffers w^{ch} were my fathers and lafte unto me in y^e name of herlomes (and a nother coffer w^{ch} I will gyve) the w^{ch} I will shall remaynge to John Leche my heyre afsaysd also my wayne carttē ploghes harrowes w^t all other suche husbandrie stuffe therunto belongyng as cheynes &c. I gyve &c. to evi child of my bretherne and sisters naturall (havyngē no other thyngē appowntyed to them by this my testament) tenne shillyngē To Anne Leche (doght^r to my brother Robart dysseased) ffyve pondē to her mariage To Anne Leche (doght^r to my unckell Roba[rt] dysseazed) fforttye shillyngē to her mariage I gyve to Alice Caltrot my servante fforttye shillyngē to her mariage To Jane and Alice doght^rs to my brother William Leche fforttye shillyngē to ether of them to theyre mariages I gyve to Anne Carver my servante wenche twenttye shillyngē to her mariage To Katheryne Crue and to Anne Yardley my servanttē to ether of them tenne shillyngē to theyre mariages To my cossen James Hill fforttye shillyngē To Roger sone to y^e sayd James Hill a fillye mare To Anne Hill sester to y^e sayd Roger a kowe To my cossen James

Leche fforttye shillynge toward y^e ffyndynge of hym at larnynge I
 gyve to my cossen Henre Leche (sone to my brother William)
 fforttye shillynge To John Carden my servante a twelmonth old
 calfe To Rondull Crue and Thomas Crue of Farntone [Farndon]
 to ether of theme ffoure shillynge To Anne Highenhed my servante
 yf she dwell w^t me at y^e tyme of my dethe three shillynge and
 foure pence I gyve to e^vi of my howssold servantte (not before
 namyd) three shillynge and foure pence I gyve to pore folke
 my neyghbor (y^t have no corne of theyre owne) to be bestowyd
 amongeste them in corne and malte at y^e dyscreesson of my executre
 fforttye shillynge I gyve to Anne my wyff her nagge and y^e grey
 maris colte To e^vi of my god childer a lambe pryded always y^t
 my herrodde w^{ch} I ought to paye be taken out my funerall dys-
 charged and debttē payd my wyff shall have halff of all my goodē
 and cattellē (ov^{er} and besyde y^t w^{ch} I have bequethed unto her) and
 the other halffe therof to be sold and goo to y^e dyscharyng of y^e
 bequestē before specified I will y^t all my bequestē shalbe payd as
 sone as maybe after my dysseze that w^{ch} is bequethed to men of
 lawfull age to be payd to theyre owne handē and y^t w^{ch} is
 bequethed to women (my wyff excepte) and to them und^{er} age to be
 putte to substanciall frendē to goo forwardē to the pphet of the
 women (to theyre mariagē) and childerne and the ffrends to be bonde
 for y^e same bequestē accordyng to y^e intent of this my testament
 pryded always y^t yf anye of the women to whome I haue bequethed
 anyethynge behave and use them selffes not lyke good women of
 theyre boddye that then y^e shall have no pte of that w^{ch} I have to
 them bequethed but the same theyre porcions to goo to y^e mariages
 of other my poore kynswomen y^t use them selffes honestlye at y^e
 descreesson of my executore Where I have before appowntyd xxij
 m^{ark}ē to be payd by John Leche (sone to my brother Henre) to goo
 to y^e use theraft^r, specified I will y^t they sayd John Leche shall have
 twenttye m^{ark}ē therof yf y^t he paye they xxth m^{ark}ē y^t I have before

appowntyd to y^e mariage of his ij sesters or elle to other my kynswomen (yf y^e sayd sesters use not them selffes as good women of theyre bodye) at y^e appowment and dyscession of my executore And I make my executore my wellbelovyd wyff Anne my cossen James Hill my [nephew] Henre Leche (sone to my brother William) and my cossen William Leche (sone to my brother George dysseazed) to see y^e same my will trulye executyd and pformyd as my especiall truste is in them and as they will answere at y^e laste daye of the geñrall resrection And the o^vseers I orden and make John Gratewood gent. and my brother William Leche In wytnesse &c.

These beyng wytnesses at y^e nowe confermyng herof on y^e xvijth daye of July in y^e yere aforsayd 1552 John Baggot Robart Good Genken Catterol.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM FOXE OF THE RHODES.¹

IN the name &c. 7 Dec. 38 Eliz. I William ffox of Toxteth Parke wthin the countie of Lancaster gent beeing as pleaseth God now visited wth sicknes &c. My will is that all my goodes and chattells &c. shalbe devyded into three equall ptes the first pte wherof I reserve unto myselfe for my funballs and to pforme such my legace and bequeste hereafter sett downe in these p^sent^e The seacond pte I give unto Margaret my wyffe and the third and

¹ Proved June 14, 1596. William, son and heir of John Foxe of the Rhodes gent., had issue John his son and heir, who married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent.; William; Thomas; Richard, at the Siege of Lathom; Anne, wife of John Bruen of Stapleford Esq.; and Margaret, who married Rev. William Hinde, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 109-111.

last pte I give &c. unto all my children to bee equally devyded among them I give &c. unto the right hoble^{le} th'erle of Derby my lord and M^r one peece of goulde in value xxx^s the w^{ch} I praie his good L^p to accept in good pte as a token of my good will I give unto my saied wyffe Margarette tow oxen fowre horses one silver salte gilte and one cypresse chest Unto John ffox my sonne v^s in gold my bay geldinge my chest w^{ch} is in my closett and other thinge therin my little pistoll my best muskett and head peece I give &c. unto my sonne Wiſſm ffox my best caliver wth head peece a great iron chest att Toxteth I give &c. unto Thomas ffox my sonne my little bay nagg Unto my sonne Richard ffox iij lambes I give &c. to my daughter Anne ffox one silver salte gilte I give &c. to my daughter Margarette ffox one other silver salte gilte I give &c. unto the wyffe of John ffox one silver salte gilte I give unto Wiſſm ffox sonne of the saied John ffox my signett of gold to bee kept for him by his saied father untill hee shall come to yeares of discreçon I give unto Raph Seddon a calfe of halfe a yeare ould att Toxteth and to Marie his wyffe I give &c. one silver spoone I give &c. unto M^{ris} Tippinge¹ my best gould ringe To M^r Leigh parson of Standish I give three bookes viz. Bullinger his Decades Ursinus his Catechisme and my booke of ten sermons Unto M^r Langley pson of Prestwich I give &c. one crosbow I give &c. to Thomas Goodier my greate pistoll I give &c. unto M^r Gyles Brooke one muskett To Richard Hodgson one caliver Unto Myles Mather vj^s in gold I give unto Edward Aspinwall other six shillinge in gold and unto George Robinson I also give other vj^s in golde I give unto M^r Warren of Poynton one hownde and one other hownde I also give unto M^r Leigh of Baguley I give to Thomas Wilson one mett of barlie and to Wiſſm Marson one other mett of barlie and also unto Thomas fleecher two mett of barlie To the wyfe of Richard Wal-

¹ Isabel, widow of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent. See his will, *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 149.

worth I give one mett of barlie and one mett of barlie malte and to evrie one of my howshold servant^e I doe give &c. v^s of monney I give x mett^e of barlie to bee distributed and equally divyded amongst xx^{ti}e of the poorest people in Pilkington and therabowt^e I give to Durninge wyffe halfe a mett of barlie and to Cockers wyffe one pecke of barlie My will is that Edmund^e Tayler and Ellis flogge tow of my servant^e shalbee maynteyned and kept dueringe theire naturall lyves by my saied sonne John ffox and Margaret^t my saied wyffe they behavinge them selves as becommeth faithfull and dutifull servant^e I give unto my saied sonne John ffox all my whole interest and tyle of my ground late pcell of y^e waste and common in Pilkington aforesaid called Whitefield Moore provyded allwaies that my saied wyffe Margaret^t shall have and enjoy the moietie or halfe pte therof dueringe her n^rall lyffe And all the rest of my saied pte and por^con of goodes above resyted then remayninge over and beesydes my saied fuf^ull^e and legac^e above men^coned discharged and donne I give &c. unto my three youngest children viz. Richard my sonne Anne and Margaret^t my daughters equallie amongst them And of this my p^rsent testam^t and last will I doe ordeyne &c. John ffox my saied sonne and Margaret^t my saied wyffe my true &c. executors and to bee supvisors &c. my lovinge frend^e M^r Leigh parson of Standish and the above named Raphe Seddon to see the same &c.

With this will are two inventories, the first "Inventorie of all &c. of William ffox^e of the Rhodes in Pilkington at his howse in Pilkington." The amount £295 8s. 10d. The second "Inventorie of all &c. at his howse at Toxtethe &c." The amount £127 2s. 9d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD HUNT OF
MANCHESTER, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 6 Dec^r 1587 I Ri^c Hunt of Manch^r gent. beinge sick in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance &c. do make this my last will &c. first and principallie I comend &c. and my bodie to be buried amongs my frend^e in the pishe church of Manch^r where hit shall please God to dispose hit Also hit is my will that my debt^e be paid of my whole goodde and that the residue of all my goodde be devided into two equall pte the one pte whereof I do reserve to my self the other equall pte I do geve to my younger children viz. Ri^c H. George H. Edmond H. W^m H. M^ogaret H. Dorothie H. and Ellin H. to be equallie devided among^e them and if eny of them die before they haue received their porcōns of goodde hit is my will that his or her porcion shalbe equallie devided among^e the survivors of them And after my fūnall charges discharged I bequeath all the residue of my pte of good^e to bee equallie devided emonge my saide younger children Ri^c &c. And whereas I haue made an estate of all my messuages land^e &c. in Manchester Salford the pishe of Ashton underlyne or els where wthin the realme of England excepte onelie of the tollbooths the toll and stallages of Manchester to certeyne ffeoffes to dyvers uses for terme of my liffe and after my deceasse have appointed the third pte of my said messuages &c. to John Hunte my sonne and heire apparent and to [his] heires males and haue also devised ij pte of my saide messuages land^e &c. to bee devided to my saide ffeoffees to the use and for the

¹ Proved April 19, 1588. Richard, son and heir of Richard Hunt of Hunthall in Manchester, who made his will 26th March 1523 (prob. 25th December 1523 in Cur. prerog. apud London) and the head of one of the oldest and wealthiest of the Manchester families, his ancestor Robert le Hunte holding lands in Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne 42 Edward III., and several members of the house being ecclesiastics. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. pp. 60–61.

vertuous bringinge upp and better pferment in mariage of my saide younger children untill such tyme as the saide John Hunte my sonne and heire apparent shall accomplishe the age of xxxj yeares Nowe my executors shall haue the rule of all my saide children and of [their] lande And I make executors of this my last will and testament my brother in lawe Edward Brereton Esquier and my father in law George Lathom gent and I doe desire my lovinge cosens M^r William Radcliffe the younger and John Marler to bee overseers In wittnes &c. in p^sence of us Robert Ratcliffe Gilbert Bybbye Thomas Goodier William Hunte Thomas Brownsworde.

THE WILL OF RALPH ALDERSEY OF
GREAT ALDERSEY.¹

IN Dei nomine amen The last of Februarie Año Dñi 1584 [1584-5] I Raphe Aldersey of Great Aldersey wⁱⁿ the parish of Coddington being sick in bodie &c. To be buried in Christen burriall at Coddington I do assigne over such interest &c. in an indenture betwext M^r Aldersay of Spurstow and John Aldersay my father w^{ch} both are deceased bering date 6 July 18 Eliz. unto Margreat my wyffe wholly to bring up her chedrē and myne so long as she shall kepe her unmarried and if she shall mary thē to my three sonnes Hugh John and Robert To Hugh my eldest sonne my great pan and my great broche my grate and brandret and his mother to haue the use of thē duringe her widowhood To my sonne Robert two of my shepe such as shall be thought mete at the discretion of my executours The residue of all my goodē my debtes being payed I geve the one halfe to my wyffe and the other halfe to be equally devided amongst my thre childrē My will is y^t Anne Alexander shall be

¹ Proved 22nd of March 1584 [1584-5.]

and still haue house rounge in the ould Kill so longe as she behaveth herselfe well towardē [my] wyffe and so longe as my wyffe and she cā agre together I will my brother John my ffather Bickerton and my wyffe [be] my executours and Evane Rycrofte¹ our parson overseer I geve to my sonn John one ewe and one lambe over and besyd his childē part of goodē Y^t this is my will and nothing but my will these are witnesses and y^t I haue put my hand &c. in the presentē of Robert Aldersay Kathrene Manyfoulds Henrye Salisbury wth others.

THE WILL OF THOMAS PARRE
OF PARRE, ESQ.²

IN the name of the Father the Sone and the Holye Gost amen The xvth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyfthe and eight I Tho^ms Parre of Parre wthin the county of Lancaster Esquyer doe make my last will and testem^t &c. That is to saye fyrst I gyve and bequethe my saule into the handē of Almygtye God our ladye Sanct Marye and all the holye company of sanctē in heavē and my bodye to the x^{ti}en buryall within the parisshe churchē of Prescottt Allsoe it is my mynd and will that at after my decease my dettē be contented and paydd upon all my holle goodē accordyng to the custome of the cuntreye And that dome it is my will that all my goodē be equallye devydit into three equall partē and therof I gyve one part to my wife Margaret P. Parre another part therof I gyve &c. to my chyl dren Bryan P. Henre P. Tho^ms P. Margaret P. Anne P. Jane P. Katheryn P.

¹ Evan Rycroft, rector of Coddington, omitted in Ormerod's list of rectors, was succeeded at Coddington by his son Thomas Rycroft in 1612. — From the Registry, Chester.

² No date of probate.

Grace P. Elyssabeth P. and to suche other chyld or chyldren as it shall please God me to haue by my said wife equally to be devydyt amongst them and the thrydde part I gyve &c. towardē my buryall and other funerall expence and legases hereafter gývē in this my present last will and testam^t and the resydue &c. I gyve to my doughters equally to be devydit amongst them Allso I gyve &c. to my said doughters Margrett Anne Jane Katheryn Grace Elyssabeth and suche other doughter or doughters as it shall please God me to haue by my wife these certayne of my manowrs meases landē &c. lying in Parre Sutton and Wyndyll wthin the county of Lancaster of the clere yerely value of fyve poundē over all charges untill suche tyme that they the said Margarett &c. and every of them shall haue receyved twentye poundē a peace towardē theyre helpe succour mariage and preferm^t I gyve &c. to my said yonger soñes Bryan P. Henre P. Tho^ms P. and to such other soñe or soñes as I may haue by my said wife the same my manor meases landē &c. in Parre Sutton and Wyndyll aforesaid of the clere yerely value of fyve poundē over all charges to haue and peaceably to enioye after immediatlye that the said Margarett Anne Jane Catheryn Grace Elyssabeth and suche other doughter or doughters as is aforesaid haue receyved theyre twentye poundē a peace untill suche tyme that they the said Bryan Henre Thomas and suche other sone or soñes as is aforesaid shall haue hadde tenne powndē a peace towardē theyre helpe succour &c. And moreover it is my mynde and will that all my said doughters and soñes shall receyve the said soñes of money of and in these clausures and percels of landē that is to saye of and in one clausure of landē callid the Browde Medowe late in the tenure &c. of John Terbocke of the yerely rent of after the ende of a ceytayne lease made by me the said Thomas to the said John Terbocke and of and in one other clausure of landē sett lying &c. in Parre called Myculcroft medoe late in the tenure &c. of the said John Terbocke of the yerely rent of xx^{os} twoe other clausures of

landē in Parre in the tenure &c. of me the said Thom̄s P. callid the Oxefylde and Myculcroft fylde of the yerely rente or ferme of fyftene shelyngē one water mylne in Parre in the holdyng of Elyn Tytle of the yerely rent of iiij^d after the deathe of the said Elyn Tytle one mesuage or tenem^t in the holdyng &c. of Bryan Parre the younger in Parre of the yerely rent of xiiij^s one clausure of landē in Parre callid the Herre B. in the tenure &c. of the wife of Henre Forster of the yerely rent of sexe shelyngē one clausure of landē callid the quarter of the Mylne eyes in Parre in the holdyng of Thom̄s Lytherland of the yerely rent of fyve shelyngē iiij^d the other quarter of the Mylne eyes in Parre in the holdyng of John Wakefeylde wheare of the rent is by yeare fyve shelyngē iiij^d with all lyberteys comoditeys &c. I gyve &c. to all my said dough-ters aboue mentioned all suche sōmes of money as Thom̄s Eccleston Esquyer dothe oye and is indebtid unto me as apperethe by certayne oblygacions ther of made over and bysydē the said xx^{ti} apeace and chylde part of godē equallye to be devydytt amongst theym I gyve &c. to my suster Anne P. fowre poundē Allsoe it is my mynde and will to haue a trentall of masses to be said at my parisshe churchē of Prescott and theyre the prestē to pray for my saule my fathers saule my mothers saule and all xpen saules and they to haue tenne shelyngē for the same I gyve &c. tenne shelyngē to be a stocke towardē fyndyngē of a preest at Sainct Elyn's Chapell in Hardshae and to the mayntenance of Godde devyne ſvice therre for ever if the stocke goe forthwarde and that a preest doe service as is aforesaid Allsoe I orden and make Margaret my wife my cosyn Willyam Hollande gentylmā and my sōne Thom̄s P. my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. havynge my right worshipfull brother in lawe Thom̄s Leylonde Esquyer supvisor hereof to see &c. In wittnes &c. these beyngē witnes Thom̄s Leylonde Esquyer Henre Eccleston Wilhm Parre Edwardē Ley Bryan Martyne with other.

THOMAS PARRE.

THE WILL OF RICHARD OSBALDESTON OF
SUNDERLAND CO. LANC, GENT.¹

Itus Maria.

IN the name &c. Primo die Aprilis Anno Dñi mccccclvj Ao Ann: regnoꝝ Philippi et Marie &c. secundo et tercio I Rycharde Osbaldeston of Sonderland in the countye of Lancast^r gent byyng seke and wecke in my body and of hole pfete and good mynde and rememberans thankē be to Gode knowyng that dethe ys to everye lyvyng thyng most comē the tyme beyng uncertayn therefore I do make and declare my laste wyll and testament in mañ and forme &c. ffurste I commytt my sawlle to Allmyghetye God my maker and redem^r trustyng by hys grace and by the merytē of Crystē passyon and resurreccōn to by one of the nōber of those that shalbye saved and my body I bequethe to Crysten buryall in suche place where yt shall please Gode and my executors I gyff to Alyce Osboldeston my dought^r all my pte of my goodē my funerall expenses and other legacies dyscharged I make Elynor my wyff and my brother Henry Osboldeston my executors for the pformance of thys my laste wyll &c. I gyff &c. vj^s viij^d to the reparation of the chapell where as my father dothe lye or els in some other place whereas the chyrche wardens shall thynke mytt and convenyent I gyffe &c. vj^s viij^d to by dystributed amonē the poore there as ys moste nedfull and nesessarye Also I wyll that my executors shall dyscharge or save harmles John Tallbot of Salebury esquier and

¹ No date of probate. Richard Osbaldeston, the first of the family seated at Sunderland co. Lanc., was a younger son of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt. by his second wife Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tyldesley of Morleys Esq. He had issue Alexander Osbaldeston, his son and heir; 2, William; 3, Thomas; 4, Outhbert; 5, Edward, father of Sir Richard Osbaldeston, recorder of Gray's Inn, ancestor of the Osbaldestons of Hunmanby co. York; and Alice, wife of Winstanley of Winstanley. — *Suffield MSS.*

John Huddersall of one bonnde and oblygacion where they stand bonnde w^t mye to Syr Ryč Hoghton knyght These byyng wetneses Henry Osboldeston Leonard Pylkyngton¹ master of arte of the Univ^{rs}yte of Cambrygge and one of the ffelows off Sanct Jones Collegge Wylliam Hothersall Roge^r Sede wth other.

On the back of the will, which is the original, is the following: "Hec sunt debita quæ mychi debentur. S^r Ryč Hoghton for my goode wyll for the maryage of my cosyn Couthebert Clyffton xlii These beyng wytnes Wyllm Hoghton S^r Ryč Godson pryste Wyllm Syngleton."

THE WILL OF CHARLES MAINWARING OF CROXTON, GENT.²

IN the name &c. The xxxth daie of Decembre in y^e yeare of our Lord God 1586 and in y^e xxjth yeare of y^e raigne of our soveigne ladie Queene Elizabethē &c. I Charles Manwayringe of Croxton in y^e countie of Chester gen^t beinge plie sicke in bodie but by y^e providence and goodnes of God in good and pfect rembraunce knoweinge naturall deathe unto all fleshe to be certayne but the

¹ He was son of Richard Pilkington of Rivington in the parish of Bolton-le-Moors Esq. and of Alice Aschawe his wife, and brother of James Pilkington D.D. Bishop of Durham. He succeeded his brother James, being then D.D., as Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, 19th October 1561, and in the same year was appointed Regius Professor in Divinity. In 1567 he was collated to a stall in Durham Cathedral, and presented by his brother to the Rectory of Whitburn, and afterwards to the Vicarage of Norham.

² Proved in 1587. According to Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114, the testator was a son of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton by Ellen, daughter of Hugh Brereton of Willow. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. From this will, which will correct the pedigree in Ormerod, it is evident that he died without issue.

sevall tymes thereof most uncertayne doe make this my last will and testam^t &c. first I most humblie bequeathe my soule unto Almighty God my Creator &c. and my bodie to be buried in y^e yearthe from whence itt came in Christian buriall I geve and bequeathe toward^e y^e repayringe of y^e p^{is}he church^e of Midlewiche the some of xl^s to be applied bie the church^e waredens there for y^e tyme beinge I doe bequeathe unto my brother in lawe John Brooke x^s Unto my sister Margarie Brooke his wief x^s Unto my cosen Charles Brooke xx^s To Robt^e Brooke my cosen xx^s To my cosen Thomas Brooke x^s To Roger Brooke my cosen xx^s To Withm Brooke my cosen xx^s I doe bequeathe to my cosen Margerie Varnone daughter to my sister Brooke xx^s To Edward Shallcrosse my brother in lawe the choice of one of my gelding^e and fortie shillinges of moneye To my sister Margaret Shallcrosse his wief xl^s To my cosen Charles Shallcrosse v^{li} To my cosen Jane Shallcrosse iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To my cosen Margaret Shallcrosse iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To my cosen Isabell Sclade xx^s I doe bequeathe to my brother Randull Manwayringe my second best beed withe the bedstockes and withe sufficiente furniture due for the same and alsoe iij^{li} vj^s viij^d and all mye apparell I doe bequeathe to my cosen Hughe Manwayringe xl^s To mye cosens Elizabethe Manwayringe Ales M. Jane M. Elen M. and M^ogaret M. sisters of the said Hughe M. to everie one of them x^s I doe bequeathe to my brother James Manwayringe one coate of plate and one caliver to be deliv^ed to him by my executors To my brother Oliver M. x^s To Humfreye Manwayringe xx^s To Margaret M. Margarie M. and Katheren M. daughters of my brother Rauffe Manwayringe deceased to everie one of them x^s To George Leftwiche my man x^s My funerall debt^e and legacies discharged the rest of my good^e I geve to Elizabethe Manwayringe my wief^e And to see this my last will &c. p^ormed I doe desire my lovinge wief^e Elizabethe M. and my brother in lawe George Houlford to be my executors And alsoe I doe desire my cosen

Rauffe Thickens of Balterley and my brother in lawe Edward Shallcrosse to be supervisors of this my last will &c. I have subscribed my name &c. the xxiiijth daye of June in the xxixth yeare &c. and in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand five hundrethe forescore and seven Charles Manwayringe Witnesse Charles Shallcrosse Edward Shallcrosse Randall Manwayringe Homfrey Alexander Robte Carter Hughe Manwayringe George Leftwicke.

THE WILL OF RICHARD MARBURY OF
APPLETON, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. I Rychard Merbury of Apleton in the countye of Chester gentylman being of hole mynd and in good and pfyght remembraunce laude and prayse be unto Almyghty God make and ordeyne this my p^sent testament &c. ffyrst I bequethe my soule &c. and my bodye to be buryed wⁱn the pyshe church of Deresburye as nyghe unto the place wheras my wyffe was layd as convenyentlye can be And also yt ys my wyll that my debt^e beyng payd my fuf^ull^e dyscharged and my legacyes pformed that then all the rest of my goode and cattall^e movable and unmovable dett^e tack^e fermes implement^e of household and husbandrye &c. shalbe equallye devydett amongst my yonger chyldren that ys to saye John Thomas Wiffm Robt Edward George and Lawraunce Marburye my soñes and Brygytt M. my daughter providet alwayes that wheras a certeyne grond called Burley Hey was and is poell of my said tack^e and fermes yt ys my wyll and mynd that yf Rychard M. my son and heyre apparentt wyll content and agree to paye unto my said yonger chyldren the some of xxx^{li} at convenient tyme or tymes

¹ Proved before Mr. John Hanson December 9, 1559.

bytvene hym and theym to be agreed appon that then the same Rychard my son shall haue and enjoye the said grond called Burley Hey duryng all the rest of so many yeres of my terme therin as shall be then to com and not expyred I gyve and bequethe [to] Rychard Merbury my son my blacke nagge w^t saddell brydell and all other thyng^e therto belongyng I gyve &c. unto Bryggett Merbury my said dougter my hole estate of halffe a wyche house¹ in the Northewyche wthin the countye of Chester whyche I haue of the graunt of Rychard Foxholes for certayne yeres wych ys of th'enherytaunce of Rychard Starkye of the Ov^hall of Stretton I gyve &c. to the said Brygett Merbury one caskett w^t all thyng^e therin conteyned wrytyng^e only excepted yf there be any and also one other lytle caskett and one chest or coffer for all her pte of the cofers or chest^e also one table bord toward^e household I gyve &c. unto my syst^r Margaret Hyl one demathe of hey² in the Snyderell Hey yerelye duryng my terme therin I gyve &c. unto John Baxter one twynter heffer and thre dysen of flaxe and vj dysen of hempe I constitute &c. my welbeloued in Cryst John Marburys Thomas M. Wyllm M. Robert M. Edward M. George M. Lauraunce M. lawfull executors in wyttnesse wherof I haue sett to my hand the xxvijth daye of August Anno Dñi 1559 these being wyttnesse Thomas Harp of Hatton Thomas Rychard Baxter John Marbury Henry Lanckysyre and others Also I make John Grymsdyche esquier Rychard Marbury of Walton Geffrey Starky and Thomas Grymsdyche to be ov^{er}seers &c.

Ryc. MARBURY.

¹ A house in which salt is boiled.

² Demath or Days-math signified originally an acre, the quantity mown by a man in one day, but generally meant a small portion of ground. — Halliwell is *voce*.

THE WILL OF JAMES HALLIWELL
OF EALEES GENT.¹

IN the name of God amen The xxviij daye of August año dñi 1596-and xxxviijth of our most gracious soñ lady Elizabeth by &c. I James Halliwell of the Ealees in Hundersfield in the co. of Lancaster gent being of good and pfect remembrance and of reasonable health God be praised do &c. First and principally I comēd my soule into the hands of Almighty God trustinge by the merytts and death of his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be in the number of the electe and my synnes wholly to be remytted and pdoned and my body to be delivered to the earth in the mydle alley of Rochdale church in sure and certen hope of the resurrection unto eternal life And touching the disposition of my messēs lands &c. in Dytton in the said co. I give a moiety of the same to James Hallywell of Knowl House my younger son his heirs and assigns for ever and the other moiety of the said lands I give and devise the same to John Halliwell now of Pykehouse my son and heir apparent his heirs and assigns for ever And where all my lands tent^s &c. in Hundersfeld Pieke House Littleburgh Buerdsall and Buerdsall More Lyghtollers Donishbooth Butterworth Butterworth Hall Cas-

¹ James Halliwell, of Ealees and Pike House, in the parish of Rochdale gent., the head of a well-descended family, was the son and heir of John Halliwell of the same. He died at Ealees 25th January 1597-8, and was buried in Rochdale church 27th January 1597-8. His inquisition was taken 29th August 1598. He married about the year 1558 Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Whytehead of Dearnlegh gent., and of his wife Alice, daughter and heiress of Charles Hill of Hollingworth. Her will is dated August 26, 1600, and was proved at Chester in 1604 by her two sons and executors, John and James. She was buried in Rochdale church 23rd March 1603-4, and the entry in the register book is thus worded: "M^{rs} Helliwell from Hundersfeld." For some account of the family see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestr.* vol. ii. part i. p. 187, *note*.

tleton Spotland and Rachdale in the co. of Lancaster and also in Staynland and Sowood in the co. of Yorke were estated and settled by my late father John Halliwell deceased I hereby ratify and confirm the same so that they may descend and remain in the blood and name according to the paire of indentures made by my said father and myselfe.

All my goods I devide into three partes whereof Elizabeth my wife shall have one thirde as her purpartie due by the lawes of this realme one other part I give to James my younger sonn and the other part I reserve to my executors to pay legacies and bequests I give to Arthur son of Ralph Whytehead xx^s To every of the children of my sister Jane Chadwick xx^s each To the children of my sister Agnes Butterworth xx^s each To my son John Halliwell two of my best stone troughs to remayne with him as heir looms and afterwards to remayne with his oldest sonn James Halliwell To my said son John x^{li} in money To James Bamford my sonn in law x^{li} To Charles Stott my sonn in law x^{li} and all the residue to Elizabeth my wife save x^s to Mr. Rychard Midgeley late vicar of Rachdale I appoint Elizabeth my wife and James my sonn executors and I desyre my friends Mr. William Asheton of Clegg and Cuthbert Scholfeld gentlemen to be overseers of the same as my speciall trust is in them. In witness &c.

Witnesses By mee Willm Ashetonn John Cudworth Raphe Cudworth p mee Robertū Chadwick testm p mee James Scolfeld Abraham Scolfeld.

Meñ that I have given already in hand before the execution of this my will unto James Bamford my son in law iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to the use of Henry Margaret and Elizabeth son and daughters of the same James viz. xl^s a piece for the said daughters and vj^s viij^d for the son And I have given vj^{li} vj^s viij^d unto John Halliwell my eldest son for the use of James Elizabeth Isabel and Jane his son and daughters viz. every daughter xl^s and the son vj^s viij^d And likewise I have

already delivered unto Charles Stott my son in law and his wife iiijth vj^s viij^d for the use of James and Charles Stott his sons and Jane Butterworth daughter of James Butterworth deceased viz. for the use of James vj^s viij^d and for the said Charles and Jane Butterworth either of them xl^s which several sums above named I would have put forth by the fathers for the use of the children to demand the same at their fathers hands.

The executors were sworn "coram Mag^{ro} Rich^{do} Midgleye Sacri Verbi Concionato^r in festo Ascensioⁿ 1598."

THE WILL OF WILLIAM GLASEOR, ESQ., VICE
CHAMBERLAIN OF THE CITY
OF CHESTER.

IN the name of God the Father Sonne and the Hollye Ghoste to whome be all hono^r glorie and prayse world wthout end amen The xxvjth daie of June 1588 and in the 30 Elizabeth &c. I Withm Glaseor Esq^r vice chamblen of the countie palatyne of Chester and alderman of the cittie of Chester beinge whole of mind &c. do make my last will and testament ffirste whereas there is lyeinge wthin my evidenc^e cheste in my study an assurance of my chief or mano^r howse in Lee a^ts Ley neere Backford in the countie of Chester wth the landes and tenem^te to the same belonginge wth their app^rtennc^e made by me and my eldest sonne to Edmund Gamull and Thomas Case to the use and behoof of my welbeloued wief Ales Glaseor for the terme of xl^{ti} yeares if she so longe live wth is ment to be to her in the name of her ioynture and dower of all my land^e and tenem^te my will is that she shall haue the same assurance to her delived and she to haue and enjoye the same mano^r howse land^e &c. in recompence of her joynture for her beste benefite

and proffett duringe all her naturall lief I geve unto my said wief my howse of St. Johnes wthin the cittie of Chester wherein I dwell wth all edefic^e orchard^e and gardens to the same belonginge together wth such waynscotte glasse tables formes cubbard^e and tressell^e in the same beinge to haue &c. duringe all her naturall lief And after her decease the same to remeyne unto my sonne John Glaseor and his heires for ever And for the better mayntenⁿce of her husbandrye and good usage of the howse of Lea aforesaid I doe also geve &c. to my said wief ten of my beste draught oxon two hors^e or mares that haue used to drawe wth them and all plowes weanes yokes harrowes and other thing^e and implem^t there necessarye and incydent for husbandrye together wth xij of the best melche kyen w^{ch} I haue there prayeing her that when God shall call her out of this world she will leave the same or such like [unto] my said eldeste sonne John Glaseor for his better mayntenⁿce in the same if she shalbe of habilitie so to doe [And if] it shall please th^ealmighty to grant her a husband so as she shalbe marryed and doe not inhabite and occupie the same my will is that my said wief will demise the said howse land^e &c. in Lea aforesaid unto my said sonne John Glaseor for a reasonable rent so as he doe kepe howse in the same and also to sell unto my said sonne the said oxon and kyne for a reasonable price he payeing the same price and to live in dutie and obedience to her his said mother And whereas Raphe Dutton late of Hatton wthin the countie of Chester esq^r decessed did at my suyte and requeste make a leas for terme of my wief and my sonne Hughe Glaseor their lives and the longer liver of them w^{ch} leas was executed to theim as well in sealinge and delivey as his dede before and in the p^sence of Henry Townsend esquier nowe one of her ma^te justice of Chester Mr. Debden my self and others as also by liv^ey of season executed and atturnem^t w^{ch} leas Mr. John Dutton of Dutton onst desired to see and wth a knyfe did cutt the same lease whereat I was greatly offended noe leassee beinge present or assenting to

the same I haue caused the same wrytinge to be p̄served for the benefitte of my said wief and sonne Hughe to haue and hold the p̄missē duringe their lives and the longer liver of them w^{ch} lease and wrytinge is of the howse and grounde I hold lyeinge in Littleton in the said countie of Chester my will is that the same leas be deliue^d to my said wief and sonne Hughe for theinoyinge of the same I geve &c. unto my said wief the teithe of Ledsham and Salghall Barne for the terme of fortie yeares (if she live so longe) And after her deathe I will my sonne John Glaseor shall haue the same duringe the whole [term] I haue in the same I doe also geve &c. unto my said sonne Hughe Glaseor my lease of Arrowe and witche howsse in the Northwitche w^{ch} S^r Perres Dutton Knight made to my late brother John Glaseor and his assignes for terme of yeares yet enduringe whose right and terme I haue in and to the same [and also] the moytee of one salte howse or wiche howse [which] . . . Peter Warburton of Chester hath w^{ch} occupac . . . on-sideracōn of his good will and frendshipp allwaies heretofore borne unto me and will hereafter for my sake beare unto my said wief and children I geve &c. the same occupaōn unto him duringe his lief he payinge the yearlie rent of xl^s w^{ch} he now payethe for the same The one moytie of w^{ch} said manⁿ of Arrowe and land^e thereunto belonginge is in the occupaōn of Myles Felle of Byddston by my demise untill the feast of S^t Michaell th'archangell next comynge and th'other moytie is in the occupaōn of Richard Hatten of Lancon and others by my demise not only untill the said feast of S^t Michaell th'archangell next comynge but also for and by a new lease by me made for xxj yeares then next and imediatlie followinge yeldinge the rent^e accustomed for the same w^{ch} leas together with other legacies &c. I doe geve unto my said sonne Hughe Glaseor in full satisfacōn of his chilles pte and porcōn of my goodes and chattell^e And whereas by my dede bearinge date the xxth daie of June laste paste I haue granted unto my welbeloued daughter

Elizabeth Glaseor the teith and the teith barne of Boughton and one pcell of ground lyeinge w^{thin} the suburbes of the cittie of Chester nere to the pishe church of S^t Johnes called the Hadlonde my will is that she shall enioye the same &c. for her p^rferm^t and in full discharge of her por^cōn and childe^s p^te of all my good^e I geve &c. the reste and residewe of my terme and estate of the teithe corne and hey of Boughton and of the teithe barne of Boughton unto Alice my welbeloved wief hopinge nevertheles that she will stand good therein to my sonne John Glaseor I geve &c. unto my sonne Hughe Glaseor to be paid unto him in foure yeares out of my good^e and chattelle by equall por^cōns the some of xx^{li} To my daughter Mary Leighe to be paide yearlie unto her in four[e yeares] by even por^cōns x^{li} m^lke I geve &c. unto my serv[ant J]ohn Baron the intereste and terme w^{ch} I haue in a closse called Glade crofte lieinge in Huntington if he so longe live and serve my said wief or sonne John Glaseor he payinge the yearlie rent for the same due and accustomed Unto my serūte Wifftm Cooke on yeares wages To my servant John Perry on yeares wages To my servant Alice Leftwiche on yeares wages To my servante Margaret Birche on yeares wages To all and evy other my serūnt^e such considera^cōn as to my said wief shalbe thought mete and as they shall in diligence toward^e her and my children deserve And whereas I have paide one hundred markes unto M^r Leighe of Bootthes for and at the request of my brother in lawe Edward Leighe of Baguley esquire to discharge certen bonnde obligatorye wherein I and the said Edward did stande bounden unto the said M^r Leighe of Bootthes w^{ch} I have paide as by spⁱaltes and acquittanc^e do appere w^{ch} some nor any p^te thereof is not yet repaide unto me And wheare also over and besides the said C^mkes the said Edward Leighe doth oughe me Cxx^{li} my will and mynde is that the same sevall somes shalbe demanded of the said Edward Leigh and upon peam^t thereof the same to be bestowed uppon the buyldinge and repayinge the demeane howse at Baguley

accordinge to coveñnte made in that behalf All the reste and residue of my goodē &c. my debte paid and fullallē discharged I doe geve unto my said welbeloved w[ife] And of this my testam^t doe nōite &c. the said Alice Glaseor my welbeloved wief my sole executrix And my deare and welbeloved frendē S^r Randle Brereton knight the said Peter Warburton Edmundē Gamull of the cittie of Chester and my cossen [Thomas] Case overseers &c. In wytnes &c,
W^m Glaseor.¹

Wytnes hereof Peter Warburton Edmundē Gamull Hughe Glaseor Tho Case Peres Midleton John Yardley.

An inventory of all the goodē and chattellē late Wi^{thm} Glaseor esq^r decessed taken the xvijth daie of Januarie 1588 [1588-9] and remayning in and about the house at S^t Jone's wthin the cittie of Chester &c.

In the hall one longe table uppon tressellē v^s—two ioyned formes thereto belongingē ij^s vj^d—another longe table uppon tressellē wth two formes thereto ij^s iiij^d—one square table ij^s iiij^d—a li^{ve}y cobarde ij^s vj^d—two plate cotes x^s—one horsemans armo^r white complett xx^s—a fotemans armo^r blacke complett x^s—sixe pikes viij^s—two light horsemans staves ij^s viij^d—one launce staffe xvj^d—a longe caryott [?] of Dornixe vj^s viij^d—two holbarde v^s—three blacke billē ij^s Su^m iiij^{li} iiij^s iiij^d In the parler a drawinge table of ioyned worke wth a frame xl^s—two formes covered wth

¹ Proved 29th October 1588. William Glasier Esq., Vice-Chamberlain of Chester, grantee of the manors of Over Poole, Lea and Whitby, married firstly Elizabeth, daughter of Eglington, and by her had issue a son and heir John, who married firstly Mary, daughter of Ralph Egerton, and secondly Mary, daughter of Thomas Legh of Adlington Esq., and died without issue; Hugh Glasier, heir to his brother John in 1595; and two daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Aske, and Mary, who married firstly Richard Massey of Grafton gent., sheriff of Chester; and secondly Richard, son and heir of Edward Legh of Baggiley Esq. The testator married secondly Alice, daughter of who survived him. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 416; vol. ii. pp. 209-387.

Turky work to the same belonginge xiiij^s iiij^d — a ioyned forme xvjd^d — one cubborde ij^s vjd^d — a little side table uppon a frame ij^s vjd^d — a paire of virginall^e wth the frame xxx^s — sixe ioyned stooles cov^d wth nedle worke xv^s — sixe^r other ioyned stooles vj^s — one cheare of nedle worke iiij^s iiij^d — two litle fote stooles iiij^d — one longe carpett of Turkey worke vj^{li} — a shorte carpett of the same worke xiiij^s iiij^d — one cubbord carpett of the same x^s — sixe quysshens of Turkye xij^s — sixe quysshens of tapestree xx^s — one olde longe greene carpett iiij^s iiij^d — one longe quyssh^en of nedle worke vj^s viij^d — one longe quyssh^en of purple velvett embrothered wth gold and silver and armes in the middeste xx^s — one square quyssh^en of purple velvett wth a silver fawcon embrothered v^s — a curten of redd seye drawn upon a rodd of iron xvij^d — eight pictures xl^s — a ioyned frame wth the Earle of Leicestors pedegree xij^d — a mapp of the Low Cuntreys vjd^d — a frame of the princes armes cov^d wth glasse ij^s vjd^d — one greite of iron ij^s vjd^d — a paire of andiron^e vj^s viij^d — a Byble Englishe vj^s viij^d — the booke of marter^e x^s — the paraphrase of Erasmus iiij^s — an old Chawser ij^s — a Lattin Bible cont^e [containing] moste of the Old Testam^t and all the New Testam^t ij^s vjd^d — the Chronicolle iiij^s — a presse in the clossett w^{thin} the pler v^s Sufn xx^{li} xiiij^s vjd^d In the great chamber over the pler a seild bedd of walnuttree wth a tester and five curtens of greene clothe faced wth changeable taffita and embrothered wth blacke velvett viij^{li} — a grene taffita quilte on both sides iiij^{li} — a fetherbedd a bolster a downe beadd and a fyne white quilte v^{li} — two white blanckett^e and one white rugge xxvj^s viij^d — a paire of white fustian blankett^e xiiij^s iiij^d — two downe pillowes iiij^s — a great cheare wth the backe and seate of tawney velvett embrothered wth gold xvj^s viij^d — on little cheare the seate of nedle worke and a litle stoole of the same v^s — one heighe stoole cov^d wth blacke velvett and embrothered wth yelow saten ij^s — one longe quyssh^en of blacke velvett embrothered wth clothe of gold xlvj^s viij^d — one other longe quyssh^en of blacke

velvett embrothered wth yelow satten x^s—one square carpett of Turkye iij^s iiij^d—a square table ij^s vj^d—a presse of ioyned worke vj^s viij^d—a picture v^s—a cheste for a crosse stoole iij^s iiij^d—a paire of andirons wth a barre of iron over the same a fire shovell and tonge a paire belloes an iron plate for the backe of the chymney xxij^s iiij^d. Sum^m xxiiij^{li} viij^s vj^d In the litle voide chamb^r hanginge of redd and greene buckeram ij^s vj^d—a li^vey cubbord xvij^d Sum^m iiij^s In the readd chamber hanginge of readd sea l^s—a standinge beadd of joyned worke wth the testor and valance of readd and yelow satten and three sarcenett curtens of readd and yelow xxx^s—a flocke beadd iij^s iiij^d—a fetherbedd a bolster and two pillowes iiij^{li} x^s—a paire of woollen blankett^e x^s—a paire of fustian blankett^e x^s—a count^poynt of tapestree xxvj^s viij^d—a cheare of readd velvett wth a quyssh^en of nedle worke xvj^s viij^d—a heighe stoole embrothered ij^s—a loe stoole of readd and yelow satten and a litle stoole cov^ed wth readd velvett iij^s iiij^d—a longe quyssh^en of crymsen satten embrothered wth cloth of gold and the li^vey cubbord wth a carpett of readd and yelow satten stripped [striped] xxij^s iiij^d—a square table wth a carpett of grene clothe iiij^s—a curten for the window of redd sea xij^d—a paire of andirons wth a fier shovell tonge and bellowes xij^s iiij^d Sum^m xiiij^{li} iij^s viij^d In the inner chamb^r a standinge bedd wth an old testor of readd and yelow sea vj^s viij^d—a fetherbedd a bolster a paire of blankett^e a coverlett of redd and yelow xl^s—old hanginge of buccaram xij^d Sum^m xlvij^s viij^d In the chamb^r in the lower end of the halle a counter table wth till^e iij^s iiij^d—a carpett of dornixe ij^s vj^d—a presse of waynescoote wth a cubbord in the same xij^s iiij^d—a litle foldinge joyned table v^s—a cheare of grene cloth wth a quyssh^en ij^s vj^d—a litle cheare of Turkey worke ij^s vj^d—sixe joyned stooles vj^s—a cheaste of waynscott v^s Sum^m xl^s ij^d In the inner chamber one standing beadd ij^s vj^d—a fether beadd a bolster two blankett^e and a coverlett xvj^s viij^d—a trokle beadd xij^d—a fether beedd one bolster three

blankett^e and a checker cov^lett xij^s iiij^d — an old cubbord wth a
 presse ii^s vj^d — a great cheste cov^d wth blacke leather x^s Sum xlvj^s
 In the chamb^r over the litle pler in the lower end of the halle
 hanging^e of tapestree xl^s — a beddstede wth a testor and valance of
 redd and white damaske xl^s — fyve curtens of readd and white taffita
 sarcenett and three iron rodd^e xxx^s — two fether bedd^e two bolsters
 and a white quilte of woole iij^{li} x^s — a paire of blankett^e vj^s viij^d —
 a redd rugge vj^s viij^d — two cheares wth the seates and back^e of
 crimson velvett three stooles cov^d wth readd velvett x^s — an old
 litle stoole embrothered wth redd and white damaske xij^d — a longe
 foote stoole cov^d wth reed clothe vj^d — a grene cheare for a crosse
 stoole iij^s — a round cipres table wth a foote ij^s vj^d — a carpett of
 nedle worke xxx^s — a livey cubbord wth a carpett of Turkye worke
 v^s — a longe quysshon of readd velvett wth a silver fawcon in the
 middeste x^s — an other longe quysshon of readd damaske wth the
 like fawcon in it x^s — a paire of andirons wth a barr of iron over the
 same a fier shovell and tong^e wth an iron plate at the chimney backe
 x^s Sum xij^{li} xvj^s iiij^d In the chamb^r next to the same hanging^e
 of redd and yelow burracan iij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedd of ioyned
 worke xij^s iiij^d — a valance of crimson and yelow satten old iij^s
 iiij^d — three old curtens of redd and yelow sarcenett ij^s — two iron
 rodd^e vj^d — a fether bedd and two bolsters xxxvj^s viij^d — a blankett
 and an Irishe caddow checked xij^s iiij^d — an old quishon of nedle
 worke vj^d — a lowe corded joyned stoole not cov^d xij^d — a carpett
 of Turky worke for a livey cubbord x^s Sum iij^{li} iij^s In the litle
 chamber called the grene chamb^r hanging^e of dornix x^s — a canapye
 beaddsteadd ij^s vj^d — a grene taffita canapy wth the headd of grene
 velvett laid one wth grene silke and silver lace xx^s — a fether bedd a
 bolster and a counterpoynte of tapistree xxij^s iiij^d — a cheare of
 grene cloth iij^s — a livey cubbord ij^s Sum iij^{li} xxiij^d In M^r Eliz.
 Glaseors chamb^r one bedd steed iij^s — a fetherbedd and bolster xij^s
 iiij^d — two blankett^e and a caddow vj^s viij^d — two steyned curteyns

ij^s — a twiggen cheare xij^d — a litle table and an old grene carpett xvij^d Suñ xxvij^s vj^d In the litle gallery one great longe chest lyned wth canvas vj^s viij^d — one standard bound wth iron xij^s iiij^d — one chest bounde with iron and cov^d wth lether xij^s iiij^d — a skryne wth a frame xij^d — a flaskett to ley clothes vj^d Suñ xxxiiij^s x^d In the litle ground chamb^r entringe the corte one ioyned beadd iiij^s — a fetherbedd a bolster and a fustian pillow xx^s — two blankett^e and one caddowe vj^s viij^d — a liv^ey cubbord ij^s vj^d — a litle square table ij^s vj^d — an old greene cheare xij^d Suñ xxxvj^s viij^d In the chamb^r over the larder a joyned bedd steed iiij^s — a fether bedd a bolster and a pillow xx^s — two blankett^e and a caddow vj^s viij^d — a ioyned cubbord xvij^d — a square table xvij^d — an old cheare of blew cloth xvij^d Suñ xxxv^s ij^d In the chamb^r next to it a ioyned bedsteed v^s — a fether bedd and two bolsters x^s — two blankett^e and two cov^lett^e v^s — a borde uppon tressell^e wth a frame xij^d Suñ xxj^s In the gallerye one table standinge uppon a frame x^s — an old carpett of blew clothe xij^d — a cheaste ij^s vj^d — a cheare cov^d wth blew velvett a stoole cov^d wth blacke velvett and a quyashen of blew velvett vj^s viij^d — a trunke v^s — three hole pictures of canvas ij^s Suñ xxiij^s ij^d In the study wthin the gallery a frame of foure height^e for a library x^s — ^{xx}vj and viij bookes bound in paste of div^el^e sortes by estima^cōn worthe iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — a table xij^d — a cheare and quyashen xij^d — a deske xij^d Suñ iiij^{li} xj^s viij^d In the chamb^r next to the orchard a bedd steed ij^s vj^d — a fether bedd two bolsters a flockbedd a blankett and a cov^lett xx^s Suñ xxiij^s vj^d In the chamb^r wthin the stable a bedd steed a flockebedd a bolster a blankett and two cov^lett^e vj^s viij^d Suñ vj^s viij^d In the litle chamb^r ov^e the gate a bedd steed xij^d — a fetherbedd a bolster a flocke bedd two blankett^e and a cov^lett xx^s Suñ xxj^s In the butterye one bason and yewer ij^s vj^d — two wasshinge basens ij^s — a custard case xvj^d — seven pewter candlestickes vj^s viij^d — eight yewlowe candlestick^e xvj^s — one chafing dishe ij^s — one pfumynge

pann xvjd—two great pewter pottē of three qr^e a pece viij^s—
 quarte pott two pynte pottē of pewter vj^s—foure chamb^r pottē of
 pewter iiij^s—two pewter flower pottē vjd—foure pewter saltē xij^d
 —xxjx pewter platterē xl^s—xx dishes of pewter x^s—twenty plate
 trenchers x^s—jx sawcers iiij^s iiij^d—two little tables upon frames iiij^s
 —two chestē v^s—two plate candlestickē iiij^s—sixe hh [hogsheads]
 in the seller vj^s Sum vj^{li} xj^s viij^d In the kyttohen one great pann xxx^s
 —one lesser pann v^s—two little pannes iiij^s—a skellet vjd—foure
 brasse pottē xxxij^s iiij^d—two possnette iiij^s iiij^d—one chafer v^s—
 one fryeinge pann viij^d—two chafinge dishes iiij^s—two gird irons
 xij^d—one brassen mortar and pestell ij^s vjd—one grate of iron x^s
 —two rackē of iron vj^s viij^d—two pott hangers upon a barre ij^s—
 two paire pott hookē vjd—two paire tongē vjd—foure longe spitte
 and one little one iiij^s—one drypinge pann xij^d—ffoure trene
 platters xij^d—three crokē vjd—a stonn mortar and a pestle wood
 vjd—two salt box ij^d—seven platters of pewt^r vij^s—viij dishes of
 pewter iiij^s—sixe pewter sawcers ij^s—three pottingers xij^d—a
 pye plate iiij^d—one colland^r vjd—two skymmer iiij^d Sum vj^{li} x^s iiij^d
 In the backe howse and brewe howse a knedinge turnell vjd—one
 brasse pann x^s—a bingē to put meal in v^s—a knedinge troghe xvjd
 —a boltinge pype viij^d—one mashe combe vj^s viij^d—one yeleinge
 combe v^s—one cowler iiij^s iiij^d—two longe turnell ij^s—two vessell to
 take worte in ij^s—one brandrett xij^d—three corne wiskette vjd—
 a great washinge bowle and a lesse ij^s—a washinge stoole iiij^d—
 foure vessells to putt meale in xij^d Sum xlj^s iiij^d In the milke
 howse one brasse pann ij^s vjd—two yerthen pannes iiij^d—sixe
 yerthen mugge ij^s—one asshen iiij^d Sum v^s ij^d In the corne loftē
 three greate baskette of straw to putt corne in iiij^s—foure b₃ [bushels]
 wheate xxxij^s—xvj^{ten} b₃ malte iiij^{li} viij^s—ten hoopēs barley x^s—
 a b₃ of beane and peasē v^s—ffoure b₃ rye xxvj^s viij^d—two
 stonn woole xx^s Sum jx^{li} v^s viij^d Plate and silver basen and
 yewer peell guilt wayeinge iij^{xx} xvij ounce and a half at iiij^s vjd ounce

xvij^{li} x^s iij^d — an other silver basen and yewer all white wayeing
 lvj ounce at iiij^s iiij^d the ounce xij^{li} ij^s vj^d — one neste of bowles
 wth a cover all guylt wayeing ij^{li} x ounce at v^s the ounce xvij^{li} x^s —
 one other neste of bowles wth a cover all guylt wayeing xliij
 ounce at v^s the ounce x^{li} xv^s — one Mawlmsey cupp wth a cover
 all guylt wayeing xx^{ti} ounce at v^s le ounce v^{li} ij^s vj^d — one
 other Mawlmsey cupp wth a cover all guylt wayeing xxviiij ounce
 at v^s the ounce vij^{li} — one other Mawlmsey cupp wth cover all
 guylt wayeing xxv ounce at v^s the ounce vj^{li} v^s — one salt
 wth a cover all guylt wayeing xviiij ounce dī [half] at v^s le
 once iiij^{li} xij^s vj^d — two gilt saltē wth two covers wayinge viij
 ounce wanting a qrt^r at v^s the ounce xxxviij^s jx^d — two silver bell
 saltē wth a cover pcell guilt wayeing xvj ounce dī at iiij^s vj^d le
 ounce iiij^{li} xiiij^s iij^d — one gylte cupp wth a cover wayinge x ounce dī
 at v^s iiij^d le ounce lij^s vj^d — one gylte bowle wth a cover w^z xij ounce
 at v^s le aunce iij^{li} — one other guilt bowle wth a cover w^z xv ounce
 iij qrt^rs at v^s le ounce iiij^{li} xviiij^s ix^d — one paire acorne cuppe all
 guilt w^z x ounce at v^s le ounce l^s — one acorne cupp wth a cover all
 guilt w^z xj ounce at v^s le ounce lv^s — one silver cann wth a cover
 pcell guilt wth a cover w^z xiiij ounce dī at iiij^s vj^d le ounce iiij^{li} xjx^d
 — one acorne cupp wth a cover all guilte w^z xij o³ dī at v^s le ounce
 iiij^{li} ij^s vj^d — one neste of white boles w^z xxviiij ounce at iiij^s iiij^d le
 ounce vj^{li} viij^s — one spice box wth a cover and two silver spones w^z
 xx^{ti}s ounce dī at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce iiij^{li} viij^s x^d — two castinge bottellē
 one wth a cover all guylt wayinge xiiij^{ten} ounce qrt^r at v^s le ounce
 iiij^{li} xj^s iij^d — one silver pottinger wth a sawcer all white wayeing
 viij ounce and iij qrt^rs at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce xxxviij^s j^d — one silver
 tunn all white w^z vij ounce iij qrt^rs at iiij^s iiij^d le o³ xxxiiij^s j^d —
 one silver bell all white w^z ij ounce at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce viij^s viij^d —
 tenn spoones all guylt w^z xvij ounce dī at x^s le ounce iiij^{li} vij^s vj^d —
 two white silver bowles w^z xx^{ti} ounce at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce iiij^{li} vj^s
 viij^d — one dozen silver spoones guilt at th'endē w^z xxiij ounce at

iiij^s iiij^d le ounce v^{li} iiij^s — xj silver spoones lesser makinge w^z x^{en}
 ounce dī at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce xljx^s ij^d — one white silver salte w^z vij
 dī at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce xxxij^s vj^d — one silver ale cupp wth a cover
 w^z x^{en} ounce dī at iiij^s iiij^d le ounce xlv^s vj^d — one stonn pott gar-
 nished gilt wth a cover l^s — one other ston pott cov^d wth silver and
 gilt xxx^s Su^m Cxljx^{li} xvij^s ij^d Apparell in the wardropp one new
 coate of tuftafita xxxiiij^s iiij^d — one velvett jerkin laid one wth billim^t
 lace w^{thout} sleeves xxvj^s viij^d — one old tuftafita coate x^s — a wrought
 velvett jerkin w^{thout} sleeves xij^s iiij^d — one dublett of blacke taffita
 cutt xij^s iiij^d — one blacke satten case cutt for a dublett x^s — one
 blacke satten dublett cutt xxvj^s viij^d — an old tuftafita jerkin w^{thout}
 sleeves iiij^s — one new paire of round hose of blacke brode billam^t
 panes lyned wth satten and the kenyns [?] of tuftafita xl^s — one
 paire of round hose panes of blacke rashe laid one wth a billym^t lace
 lyned wth tuftafita v^s — a taffita hatt iij^s iiij^d — a blacke capp and a
 saten coife ij^s vj^d — one paire of tawny stock^e wth toppes of boothose
 of the same laid one wth billym^t lace ij^s — one paire of woosted stock^e
 iij^s iiij^d — one paire lynen boote hose ij^s — a Duche damaske cloake
 garded wth three gard^e of velvett and faced wth tuftafita iiij^{li} — a silke
 grogren gowne laid one wth blacke lace and faced wth tuftafita vj^{li} —
 an old blacke clothe gowne wth a brode gard of velvett faced wth
 martyns and lyned wth squyrrell xxxiiij^s iiij^d — a tawny clothe gowne
 faced wth cony lyned wth lambe and laid one wth lace xxxiiij^s iiij^d —
 an old blacke clothe gowne faced wth velvett wth three gardes of
 velvett laied uppon l^s — a blacke foote clothe laid about wth lace x^s —
 a presse wherein the same appell lye v^s Su^m xxvj^{li} vij^s ij^d In the
 same wardropp two nedle worke quysshens iiij^s — two quysshens of
 stripped tynsell iij^s iiij^d Su^m vij^s viij^d Lynens of all sort^e seven
 dozen of table napkyns xl^s — foure longe table clothes of two yard^e
 brode a pece xl^s — a cobbard clothe of holland two yard^e bread and
 fringed xij^s iiij^d — an other cubbord cloth one bread ij^s — fyve paire
 of holland and fyve flaxen shet^e vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d — one paire of flaxen

of two breade xx^s — one paire of litle pillow beares wrought v^s — foure paire fyne pillow beares xx^s — three longe table clothes of damaske v^{li} — one longe table cloth of diap x^s — two square table clothes of damaske xxvj^s viij^d — a square diap table clothe vj^s viij^d — two wrought cubbord clothes of holland vj^s viij^d — three longe towelle of damaske xxx^s — a long diap towell vj^s viij^d — three livey towelle vj^s vj^d — a dozen of diap napkyns xij^s — a dozen of damaske xx^s Sum^m xxiiij^{li} xjx^s x^d In the stable xij loadē of hey iiij^{li} Leases a lease in revēcōn for many yeares of the teithe barne of Bedsam [Ledsham] and Saghall xxx^{li} — a lease of a close in Huntington for terme of ix^{en} yeares or there aboutē valued at v^{li} — a lease of the moytie of the maner of Arrowe and certen wiche howses in Namptwiche [Northwich, see before] for many yeares to come valued by estimacon xx^{li} Sum^m lv^{li} Debtē due to the testator M^r Richard Hurleston of Picton l^{li} — M^r Hughe Beston the yonger xx^{li} — M^r Peter Dutton vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d Sum^m iijxvj^{li} xij^s iiij^d

The like inventory of all goode and chattelle remayninge and beinge at the Lea the contrey howse In the pler a canapy bedd iij^s iiij^d — a fetherbedd a bolster and a pillow xl^s — two white blankettē and a caddowe xx^s — a canapy of vj^s viij^d — two nedle worke quishshens and two of Turkey worke vj^s viij^d — one cheare xx^d — a longe table uppon tressellē ij^s vj^d — a square table uppon a frame iiij^s — three ioyned formes at ij^s the pece vj^s — a longe carpett of blew clothe x^s — a square table clothe of blew vj^s viij^d — a litle stoole viij^d — a grate of iron a fier shovell tongē wth a paire of bellows xij^s iiij^d — a pleane cubbord iij^s iiij^d Sum^m vj^{li} iiij^s x^d In the chamb^r over the pler a canapy beddstedd v^s — a fetherbedd and bolster xxxv^s — two blankettē and a redd rugge xij^s iiij^d — a canapye vj^s viij^d — a pallett wth a flockbedd fetherbedd bolster a white rugge and a coveringe of tapestree xxx^s — a litle square table ij^s — a presse x^s — a cheare v^s — a cheste xx^d — a blacke chest barred wth iron xij^s iiij^d — a trunke vj^s viij^d Sum^m

vj^{li} viij^s iiij^d In the inner chamber a bedd stedd a fether bedd a
 bolster a blankett and covlett xxx^s In the gallery a square table
 ij^s vj^d—two ioyned stooles xvj^d Suñ ij^s x^d In the middle chamb^r
 under the gallery a canapy beddstedd iiij^s—a flocke bedd a fether
 bedd a bolster and a pillowe xxx^s—a white blankett and a caddow
 xvj^s—a canapy ij^s iiij^d—a trokle bedd a flocke bedd and a bolster
 a blankett a coverlett and a caddowe xij^s iiij^d—a livey cubbord
 ij^s vj^d—a ioyned stoole xij^d—three blacke billē ij^s In the formost
 chamb^r und^r the gallery a bedd stedd and all thereto belongingē x^s
 In the third chamber und^r the gallery a beddstedd and all therto
 belongingē x^s—two bedd stedde in two oxe howse wth all therto
 xx^s In the maide chamb^r a beddstedd and all therto belong^g x^s
 Suñ vj^{li} ij^s ij^d The kytchen a great pann xx^s—two lesser pannes
 vj^s viij^d—three brasse pottē xxxij^s iiij^d—one possenett ij^s vj^d—
 a skellett xij^d—a chafynge dishe and skymmer xij^d—a drypinge
 pan ij^s vj^d—a fryeinge pan xij^d—a broche viij^d—a paire golbartē
 xij^d—a grate of iron vj^s viij^d—two trene bassens xij^d—a borde
 upon two tressellē wth a frame xvj^d—a cheste crache xij^d—five
 pewter platters v^s—foure pewter dishes ij^s—two pottingers xij^d—
 a basen xij^d Suñ iiij^{li} ix^s viij^d Milke howse one cubborde xvij^d
 —two churnes xvj^d—a grater vj^d—a yeile combe and three stonde
 ij^s vj^d—a chese presse viij^d Suñ vj^s viij^d Husbandrye stuffe two
 iron bond waynes iiij^{li}—two ploves three suckē and two cultors v^s
 —two strokeē of iron x^s—two harrowes ij^s—two paire treases and
 two carte ropes ij^s vj^d—two spade an axe a hattchett two hedginge
 billē and two yelves ij^s vj^d Suñ v^{li} iiij^s Cattell ffive yoke of
 draught oxon at vij^{li} evy yoke xxxv^{li}—ffoure oxon in the stall xij^{li}
 —xvij kyne and a bull xxxiiij^{li}—sixe geldinge xvij^{li}—two mares
 iiij^{li}—ffoure coltē viij^{li}—xj yonge beastē xvij^{li} vj^s viij^d—vj hogge
 and a boare xl^s Suñ Cxxx^{li} vj^s viij^d Corne and hey in the barne
 one bey of wheate of lth thraves conf^t aboute xxth b³ viij^{li}—two
 baies barlye conf^t xj skore thrave conf^t aboute iiijth b³ valued at xv^{li}—

thirtie thraves of oates conf xv^{an} b₃ xlv^s — in peaje xx^s — xvj loadē
of hey v^{li} vj^s viij^d Sum xxxj^{li} xj^s viij^d

Sum tota^l vjCii^{xx}j xij^{li} ix^s vj^d

Beside one bedd furnished and challengd by the said testatrix
[¹ executrix] by the custome of the cuntrey and therfore not presed.

THE WILL OF SIR ROBERT BRYDDOCKE, OF
MANCHESTER, CLERK.¹

IN the name of God amen The xixth daye of Apryll in the yere
of o^r Lord 1556 I Syr Robart Bryddocke clarke make my
testament and last wyll after thys maner and forme folowing ffyrst
I bequethe my sowle to Almightye God our ladie Saynet Marye and
all the whole cōpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buryed at the
churche at Manchester I bequethe to Alys Haslome vj^s viij^d I
bequethe to Anne Haslome vj^s viij^d To George Haslome vj^s viij^d
To Joane Haslome vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To Cycele Oldam vj^s viij^d To
Margery Oldam vj^s viij^d To myne aunte Graver vj^s viij^d To
Edward Rydinge vj^s viij^d To Thomas Bryddocke my best bowe
and myne arowes To James Eccarsall my velvet dublet To Genet
Chorleton my short gowne I bequethe xx^s to be delt for my sowle
the daye of my buryall I bequethe to Syr Harye Syddall iij^s iiij^d
wth my rugge gowne I wyll y^t evy prest saying masse for my sowle
that daye shall have viij^d furthermore I orden constytute and
apoynte myne executo^{rs} Rychard Bryddocke Geffery Bryddocke
James Oldam and Margery Warbyton to see that thys my testa-
ment and last wyll be throwghlye fulfilled and performed and I
gyve them frelye the rest of my goodē movable and unmovable to
be devyded emongest them by equall porcōne And in wytnes that
thys ys my last wyll I the said Syr Robart Bryddocke to these pre-
sentē have setto my seale and subscrybed my name the daye and

¹ Proved 27th August 1556.

yeare above wryten Wytnesse; herof Syr Harye Sydall p^ost James Eccarsall Syr Lawraunce Vawce p^ost Syr Hughe Ormyssa p^ost Thomas Redyche.

An inventory of all the gooder and cattell^e w^{ch} were Sr Robart Bryddock^e late of Manchester deceased clarke prysed by these pson^e folowinge That ys to saye Arthure Spakmon Thomas Eccarsall Rauffe Chowerton and Olyver Glover the ixth daye of Maie aō dñi 1556 Imp^rmis a horse iij^{li} vj^s viij^d—a cowe xxx^s iiij^d—a heffer xxx^s—iij swyne xxiiij^s—in haye and woode xvj^s—a fetherbed a boulster and a pylowe xvj^s—a coverlet iij^s iiij^d—a stele cappe xx^d—in naperye ware viij^s—a sowdyer jacke iij^s iiij^d—a paire of boote and ij paire of shoes iiij^s—a gowne xx^s—a gowne vj^s viij^d—a rugge gowne v^s—a gowne xiiij^s iiij^d—a chamlet jacket vj^s viij^d—a rugge jacket ij^s—iiij dublett^e xxiiij^s iiij^d—ij paire of hozen and a cloke vj^s viij^d—viij^{lb} y^{ne} iiij^s—v^{lb} flaxe ij^s vj^d—viij peces pewder v^s—a chafynge dishe xij^d—a lytle pan viij^d—a brasse ladle iiij^d—in yrne ware iij^s iiij^d—a prestes cappe iij^s—a sarcenet typpet v^s—ij sholes iiij^d—an arke and a coffer vj^s viij^d—in tree vessell iij^s iiij^d—a ryding saddle and a brydle iij^s iiij^d—in bookes x^s—in money lxxvj^{li} iiij^d ob.

Some to^{ll} lxxxxiiij^{li} v^s vj^d ob.

THE WILL OF ANNE, WIDOW OF HENRY HALSALL OF HALSALL, ESQ.¹

IN the name of God the ffather the Sonne and the Holye Gost
amen Be it knowen unto all men by these p^osent^e that I Anne

¹ Proved July 10th 1589. Anne, sister and heiress of Thomas Molyneux of Clifton Esq. and daughter of Sir William Molyneux of Sefton Knt. by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Cuthbert Clifton of Clifton Esq., married (cov. dat. 17 Henry VIII.) Henry Halsall of Halsall, by whom she had an only son,

Halsall wydowe late wyffe of Henrye Halsall of Halsall wthin the county of Lan^c esquier decessed beinge in reasonable good healthe of bodye and of good and pfecte memorie praysed be God &c. &c. Therefore I the saide Anne Halsall the eightenthe daye of June in the yeare of o^r Lorde God one thousande fyve hundreth ffoure score and neane and in the one and threttyth yeare of the reigne of o^r sovaigne ladye Elizabeth &c. by good delybera^on and advise doe ordeyne &c. this my laste will and testament in maner and fforme folowinge ffirste I comitte my sole to Almightye God &c. and my will is that my bodye shalbe buried in the chancell of the pishe church of Halsall aforesaide as neare to the place where my said late husbände was buried as convenientlye may be and that such expences shalbe bestowed about and concⁿinge my buriall as I shall hereafter declare unto my executors or as to them shall seeme requisite and convenient to stand wth my degree And I give to the righte honarable my very good lord Henry Earle of Derby the beste fatt ox w^{ch} I shall happen to have at the tyme of my decese I give to M^{re} Anne Standley one of the daughters of the said earle (to whome I am godmother) one tablet or juell to the value of vj^{li} by estima^on I give to my cosen S^r Richarde Molyneux knight one fatte ox To my uncle Edward Halsall one other fatte ox To my cosen Edward Standishe one other fatte ox To my cosen Richarde Molineux of Cuncowe esquier one other fatte ox To my cosen John Molyneux senior one other fatte ox To my brother Roberte Molineux one other fatte ox To my cosen Alexander Molyneux pson of Walton one other fatte ox To my cosen Thomas Woolfall one other fatte ox I geve to my cosen Richarde Molyneux sonne of John Molyneux vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d I geve to my sister Houlme xl^s I geve to Richarde Houlme her sonne twoe kyne

Richard Halsall of Halsall Esq. The latter left an illegitimate son Cuthbert Halsall, *alias* Norres, who was afterwards knighted, and inherited the Clifton and Halsall estates.

To Lawrence Houlme and Wiſſm Hulme to eyther of them twoe kyene I geve to my ſiſter Jane Bootle nowe wyffe of James Bootle of H. greene twoe mylke keyne To Elizabeth Duddell nowe wyffe of Richard D. my ſervante twentye poundes I geve to the wyffe of George Duddell of Solwicke twoe mylke kyene To the ſaid Richard Duddell and to Wiſſm Bootle my ſervant^e eyther of them xl^s To Thomas Halsall and Gilbarte Halsall to eyther of them xl^s To Richarde Halsall ſonne of the ſaid Gilberte xl^s I geve to evy of my ſervant^e w^{ch} ſhalbe in my ſervice at the daye of my death to evy of them one quarters wages I geve to evy one that I am godmother unto and dwellinge w^{thin} this piſhe of Halsall xij^d I will that if any of the above named pſons to whome I have geven or bequethed any legasies unto by this my will happen to die in my lyffe tyme that then ſuch of the ſaide legasies to them ſoe geven to ſurcease and not be payable Also all the reſte and reſidue of my goodes and cattalle moveable and unmoveable quicke and deade my debtes legasies and funerall diſcharged payed and done I geve &c. to Cuthbert Halsall alias Norres eſquier wholelye to his owne uſe My will is that if hee or they w^{ch} ſhall happen to be lorde and owner or ruler of the demeanes of Halsall afforeſaid and Ranecars next after my death doe pmitte and ſuffer my executors quietly and peasablie to have enioy and occupie the ſaid demeanes of Halsall and Ranecars w^{ch} I nowe occupie ffor the keepeinge and preſervinge of ſuch cattelle as my ſaid executors ſhalbe then charged wthall and that by the ſpace of twentye weeckes next after my death then I will that the ſaid owner or ruler thereof as is afforeſaid ſhall have xiiij^d vj^s viij^d for that only purpoſe and for noe other intente or meaninge And I ordeyne &c. my welbeloued ſervant^e George Duddell Thomas Gerard Thomas Walshe the yonger and Richarde Duddell my executors of this my laſte will &c. And I will that my ſaid executors ſhall have the cuſtodie rule &c. of all the ſaid goodes and cattelles by me geven to the ſaid Cuthberte from and after my

deathe untill the said Cuthberte shall come to and accomplishe his age of one and twenty yeares And my executors to use the same to the use of the saide Cuthberte and when the said Cuthberte shall accomplishe his said age of one and twentye yeares then my said executors to make and dely^v a just accounte of all the saide good^e and cattelles And I most humblie requier the said right honorable Henry Earle of Derby and the said Cuthberte to be supervisors &c. of this my laste will &c. In wittenes &c. have putt my seale and made a crosse or marke &c. These beinge witnes Withm Houleme Edwarde Halsall John Wood.

THE WILL OF AGNES RAWSTORNE
OF THE LUMM, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 28 daie of April 36 Eliz. I Agnes Rawstorne de Lume in the pishe of Burie widdow sicke and feeble in bodie but in good and pfect remembrance laud and praise be unto the Almightye doe make and ordaine this my testament containinge herein my last will in manner &c. first and principallie I geve and committe my soule unto Almightye God my maker saviour and redemer and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Burie or wheare it shall seeme good to my execut^r to dispose it In primis I geve unto Edward Rawstorne a salting tub tow lesse kyres a litle le kyre and a churne and a mantell a candlesticke and three peuter dishes whele combes and card^e I geve unto An Rawstorne my best peuter dishe Unto Isabell my daughter a fetherbed ticke Unto Alice my daughter my best gowne and a silver spowne and a ght or flasket I geve unto Lawrence my sonne a coverlet and tow blanket^e I have receaved of my sonne Adam Raustorne

¹ Proved 29 April, 1594. See *Wills and Inventories*, second portion, p. 168.

in monie and other goodē to the value of vj^{li} v^s iiij^d towardē the keepinge of his sonne Robert and I have laid out more for his bord wages and scholwages xlxiij^s iiij^d over and besyde his apparell and bookes the summe of three poundē and tene shillinges besyde monie in his purse to spend I know not how muchē so that my sonne Adam owethe me the sumē of vj^{li} iiij^s iiij^d of w^{ch} said sumē I geeve backe againe unto my said sonne Adam all the apparell w^{ch} his sonne hathe had of my charges w^{ch} is the said some of iiij^{li} x^s I geve unto everie child whome I am grandmother unto xij^d I geeve unto An Fische a hatt a purse and a stomacher Unto Elin Kenion a sheet I geve An Greave a blanket Unto the wife of James Roma-botham an ould red cote Unto Alice Wilsonne my ould gowne Unto the wife of William Pilkingtonne a new red cote I geve unto all servantē att the Lume vj^d a peece I geve unto Thomas ffishe a litle coufer It after my disease my debte paid and my funerall expences discharged and these legaces abouve said fulfilled I geve &c. all the rest of my goodē to my executours hereafter named And of this present testament I make Edward Rawstorne and Alice my daughter my executoures I make George Nuttall de Gowenrode (Gollenrode) overseer And I utterlie revoke and annull all and everie other former will legaces bequeathes executores and overseers by me in anie wise before this tyme made willed or bequeathed Theesse witnesses Thomas ffishe William Pilkingtone Thomas Schofeld.

THE WILL OF ROGER MAINWARING
OF NANTWICH, GENT.¹

Ihūs.

IN the name &c. I Roger Manwaringe of the Nampthewiche townesende in the countye of Chester gent^r callinge to mynde the certentye of deathe th'ende of e^vye livinge creature and the uncertentie of the time therof And havinge a reasonable care and disposi^cōn (now beinge in pfecte healthe and whileste my senc^e and memorie doe best serve me) to dispose those lyvinges and worldye good^e that Almightye God of his grete goodnes and blessing^e hathe sent me And wherby I shall not have cause to be troubled vexed or disquieted whenas sicknes and weakenes shall come and that I muste leave the same as worldye thing^e to the worlde behinde me But that I maye then especiallie (like as all other times I oughte) wholie to sett my mynde and directe my faithe to be fixed stedfastelye upon heavenlie thing^e and e^vlastinge joyes And alsoe that then I maye have the better time to call and crye to Jesus Christe my onlye Savior for mercye grace and forgiveness of all my sinnes like as he hathe comannded I doe therefore make and declare this my laste will &c. ffirste and principallye I doe yelde and com^ytte my soule into the mercifull hand^e of Almightye God in full hope and constante faith and belefe to be saved onlye by the merit^e of the moste precious deathe and passion of my sweete savior and redemer Ihūs Christe and by none other meanes moste humblye besechinge hym to receave my poore soule unto his mercifull handes

¹ Proved May 1st, 1590. Roger Mainwaring of Nantwich gent., son of John Mainwaring by Margery daughter of Robert Brooke of Nantwich, married Margaret daughter of Sir Thomas Maisterson Knt. of Nantwich by whom he had Richard, John, Thomas, Mary, and Margaret wife of Edward Dod of Edge. The testator was fifth in descent from Peter Mainwaring of Nantwich, illegitimate son of William Mainwaring of Peover Esq. — *Harl. MSS.* 1535, pp. 340-341.

and evlastinge lief the whiche he hathe soe derelye boughte and ransomed wth his moste precious deathe and bloode shedinge innocentlye upon the crosse of his passion And in the moste sure and certen stedfaste faith and beleif of the same I doe willinglie leave and forsake the lief of this transaytorie worlde and all worldlye thinge [to] come to the same evlastinge kingdome and joyes of heaven Amen And then all my sayde worldelye landes goodes and possessions moveable and immoveable to be geaven graunted bequeathed and distributed in suche manner and forme as hereafter shalbe declared and expressed that is to saie Rog^r Mainwaring Secondlie I give and bequethe unto my lovinge wief Margret M. my chief mansion house at the townsende of Namptwiche wth all the buildinge and gardens therunto appteyninge three fielde called Tynkers Crofte lyinge together adioyninge on the southeaste and southeside of the same house on mess: wth a garden in the tenure of X^pofer Mynshull wth all &c. like as they were purchased of my cozin Roger Brooke for her naturall lief she payinge the chefe rente goinge oute of the same viz: to John Egerton esquire for cheife p anⁿ ij^s viij^d Richarde M^rson [Maisterson] gen^t cheife p anⁿ vj^s viij^d Richarde Hassall gen^t chief p anⁿ xxiiij^s Richarde Wallthall gen^t chief p anⁿ ij^s vj^d I give &c. unto my wief [for life] all my lande in Wolston woode called Marchforde grounde conteyninge five fieldes and two meadowes wth a new barne and withall profitte &c. savinge and excepte the woodde of the same grounde wherof I will that she shall take yearlye but onlye three quarters for the better p^servation of the same whiche lande are all holden in socage tenure free and withoute cheife rente painge yearelye to my sonne and heire xxvj^s viij^d beinge the olde accustomed rent I give &c. unto my wieff all that por^con of lande in Alvaston and Willaston whiche I doe nowe occupye and those fyve ffeilde in Worleston late in the tenure of Roger Wallthall gen^t and Thomas Mynshull like as I boughte the same lande of Randall Manwaringe of Peever esquire for her lief yeldinge the olde

accustomed rentte of the same lxviij^s viij^d p anñ I give unto my wiesse sixe other mesuage or cotage in Nampwiche in the tenures of Hugh Stevens Roberte Coventree Thomas Wyrrell Thomas Harrysonn James Mynshull and Thomas Ithell and three other mesuage or cotage of the same lande in the tenures of Xpöfer Smythe Margret Manwaringe and Rauffe Topley and on other house to be builte for John Manwaringe my yonger sonn and twoe gardens belonginge to the same pcell of the lande w^{ch} I boughte of Henrye Manwaringe and twelve leade wallinge wth the bryne and grounde therto belonginge like as the same was purchased of Henrye Manwaringe of Chester [for her] liefse she payinge the cheife rente viz: to th^{er}l of Derbye chefe p anñ vij^s S^r Hughe Cholmondeley knight cheife p anñ x^s Rog^r Mainwaring I give &c. unto my wyffe twoo other howses and gardens wth a litle pece of waste sometime called the Mixon in the church lane in Nampwiche in the tenures of wydowe Cartewrighte and wydowe Wrighte duringe her liefse payinge the chiefe rente to S^r John Savage knight p anñ ij^s allsoe all my parte of those lande and gardens called Masons yarde in Nampwiche in the tenures of Richarde Johnson Rauffe Wilson Randall Wrighte George Cloes William Dun the wydowe Dune the widowe Seneholde and Ales Saeville likeas the same were boughte of Edwarde Lee of Russhall esquire ffor her leife the same beinge all oute of lease to sett at her will and holden in free socage tenure painge the olde accustomed rentte for the same unto my sonne and heire viz: over and beside ij^s viij^d of that rent and purchase beinge in th^{and}e of my cosin Richarde M^rson vj^s ij^d Unto my saide wiesse one tenēte in Copnall in the tenure of Randall Bolte wth all the lande &c. for her lieff yeldinge to my sonne and heire x^s viij^d p anñ And the saide Randall Bolte my tenēte is bounde by his lease to paie the chiefe rente goinge oute of the same to M^r Varneham [Vernon] of Haslington vj^s viij^d I give unto my wyffe for liefse all those cheiffe rente w^{ch} I purchased of Edwarde Lee esquire wthin the towne of Namp-

wiche to be received yearlie viz: of (*sic*) for a chiefe rent oute of a howse and xij leads of the Earle of Derby's land p anñ vj^s Thomas Smithe esq^r for cheife v^s the same Thomas for cheife oute of a house of his in the tenure of Randall Manwaringe vij^s Richarde Halsall gen^t chefe p anñ xxx^s iiij^d John Crewe of Hassall p anñ viij^s iiij^d Richarde Weever chefe out of his house and lande nexte Rycharde Meakins in Beamestrete in the Nampthewiche vj^d Rog^r Mainwaring I give unto my wiefte three howses wth gardens in the tenures of Ellen Hardinge widowe (*sic*) Crewe and Richard Crowshaw in Nampwiche duringe her lieff she paying the ffee farme rente to Rog^r Wetnall yerelye v^s also twoo other howses in the Beamestrete in the tenures of Richard Marshall and John Alcocke wth their gardens during her lieffe payinge the ffee farme rente unto Randall Mainwaringe of Pever esquier of x^d p anñ I give unto my wiefte the use &c. of the thirde parte of the psonage of Grenock wth the thirde pte of all the tithe corne of the townes of Milton Killfalghan Cookestown Chappell Midway and Ballyebyn in the counties of Dublin and Methe wthin the realme of Ireland for lieff she painge all rente &c. w^{ch} saied psonage is holden of the quenes ma^{ty} by twoo leases for ffoure score and eleven yeares begun the vijth of August 1587 the one lease beinge boughte of Turloughe M^cCabe and the other from Thom^s Maisterson my ffather in law for lx yeares then nexte in revercōn and after her deathe then the remainder shall descend unto my sonne and heire aparent wth the wholl reñ of all my estate I give &c. unto Thomas M. my yongest sonne my beste silver pott being all guilte and also my beste sworde for a token of remembrance and ffive pounde yerelie during his lieff the same to be taken out of all the lande &c. w^{ch} I have lefte unto my sonne and heire apparant And I will that the some of one hundred pounde shalbe paid unto the said Thom^s M. out of suche goodde as hereafter is given unto my said sonn and heire when he shall come to his full age and that in the meane tyme hee shall have the benefite of that

some for his better furniture and mainetenance to scole and lerninge untill hee come to age Rog^r Mainwaring I give unto Richarde M. my eldest sonne all suche howses lands &c. as are before geven unto my wiefe after her deathe or decease oute of this mortall lief to the same Richarde M. and his heires for ev^l allsoe two messuag^e in Beamestrete in the Namptwiche the one called the Sarasens hed in the tenure of Randall Manwaringe and the other nexte adioyninge to it in the tenure of Tho^ms Claie payinge the yearlie cheife to S^r Hughe Cholmundele knight p anⁿ iiij^s I give unto hym one other house in the same strete wherin my mother dwelleth duringe her liefe nexte the horsemyle of Henrye Manwaringe of Carinch^m esquier payinge (after my mothers decease) the cheife rente to Rycharde Wallthall gen^t p anⁿ iiij^s To my sonn Richarde my lease of a wichouse and xij lead^e holden of S^t Warburge of Chester as alsoe one other lease of the same taken in rev^ocon of Rycharde Dutton of Chester for lx yeares and the rev^ocon of all the tythes in Wigsterson and Weston &c. for terme of lx yeares as are granted unto me from the saide Rycharde Dutton I give unto my sonn Rycharde M. my lease of one wiche house and sixe lead^e wallinge wth the grounde &c. holden of William Lawton esquire and Marye his wiefe payinge to the saide William Lawton esq^r p anⁿ xxxij^s iiij^d and to S^r John Savage knight for a cheife rente goinge out of the same lead^e p anⁿ iiij^s iiij^d Unto my saide sonne on wiche house and xvij lead^e holden of Henrye Manwaringe of Carincham esquier and all suche debt^e as the same Henrye M. oweth unto me in the right of Oliver Manwaringe my grandfather w^{ch} debt^e are now lawfullye descended unto me as executor to John M. my father whoe was executor unto my saide grandefather That yf the saide Henrye Manwaringe esquier doe not deale frindelie and favourablie wth my saide sonne in the holdinge and continewance of the saide wiche house and xvij lead^e wallinge then my sonne to call and sue for the saide debte owinge unto me And yf the saide Henrye M. doe deale

lovinglye and frendlye wth my sonne in sufferinge hym to occupye and enioye the saide wallinge that then he shall nev^y sewe nor demannde the saide debte for that we be of his name and kindred and have bene longe and aunciente tenant^e of the same wallinge to hym and his auncestors Rog^r Mainwaring Unto my sonne Richarde one other lease granted unto Olyver Manwaringe my grandefather from the late Abbotte and Cōvente of Combermeyre for ^{xx}iiij^x yeares of a waste pece of ground by the name of a meadowe the same beinge nowe in a garden plotte in the occupa^cōn of Rauffe Wilson and now beinge the landes of Thomās Wilbrah^m of Woodhey esquier and on other lease of on tenemente in Leighton now in myne owne hand^e and occupa^cōn and George Wevers the same beinge holden of Hughe and Sampson Erdeswicke esquiers I give unto my sonne Richarde one other lease in rev^eōn of one litle messuage wth all the landes &c. in Willaston and adioyninge to the comon called Beameheathe yet in the tenures of Rycharde Madoxe and John Shippman like as the same is granted unto me from John Bressye of Tuerton by the saide lease in rev^eōn for xlth yeares I give unto my sonne Rycharde fyve fieldes or pastures of lande wth one meadowe and a litle woode or bache in Hurlestone and Stoke now in the tenure of Roger Wrighte wth I boughte of John Poole esquier I give unto my sonne Rycharde M. the lease of the personage of Whitforde in the countye of flinte wth all manner of tythes &c. he payinge all rent^e &c. wherof I will that very good heede and regarde be had for savinge and p^rserva^cōn of the saide lease from forfeiture or any other incombrance for that the pties be dangerous and readye to take anye advantage Unto my sonne Rycharde one other howse in Beamestrete wth the garden in the tenure of Richarde Meakyn payinge the chiefe rente to Thomas Wilbrah^m of Woodhey esquire p^r añⁱ iiijth Rog^r Mainwaring I give unto my sonne Richarde and to the heires males of his bodie the rev^eōn of all my land^e and tenement^e in Hatherton ats Hadderton wthin the countie of Chester in as lardge

manner as I bought the same lande of ffancis and Maria Corbett and S^r Edwarde Phiton knyghte as it appithe more at lardge in the deede &c. and in the book of entrees of all my evedences where also is entred certein speciall note and matters for the avoidinge of doubt and controversees hereafter Unto my eldeste sonne one lease in revercon of a tenement in Hurleston boughte of Phillippe Manwaring and holden of S^r John Savage knyghte for xxj yeares nexte in reversion after the deathe of Wiffm Austen nowe tenannte of the same duringe his lieff Unto my saied eldeste sonne and heire one burgage in Berwick upon Tweed lyinge neare unto the northweste gate of pallace wthin the saied towne of Berwicke w^{ch} saied house was purchased and morgaged for debte dulye owinge unto me by Roberte Arderne gent customer of the same towne and the same is fforfeited unto me divers yeares sithence the seekinge for the possession whereof hathe bene omytted and delaied by reason of my service and goinge into Ireland and is to be recovered at all tymes by virtue of his deedes of bargaine and sale thereof made unto me I geve unto my sonne and heire one lease grannted unto me by one Hubberte Bray Mark Redmond chieffe of his nacion of the manner and castell of Ballye Ellye in the pvince of Conoughte and in the countie of (*sic*) wthin the realme of Ireland together wthall other townes lande profect and comodities graunted unto me in the same lease for xxj yeares painge therfore twoo shillinge yearelie rent and suche other duties &c. to the said Hubberte and his heires together wth one bonde of one thowsande pounde for the pformance of all the coven^tnt conteyned in the same lease "Roger Mainwaring" I give &c. unto my sonne Rycharde M. my greate cheyne of goulde withall my goulde buttons and all myne apparell belonginge unto myne owne bodye and all manner of sworde daggers weapons and armor whatsoever and alsoe all my bookes imprinted or written and all my wrytinge and evidence and alsoe on iron bounde chiste wherin all my saide evidence and deede now be kepte and on other cheste of

inbowed worke of wallnutte tree beinge a Frenche cheste gotten at Newhaven warres and three trunckē for the salfe kepinge of the pmisses and also my blacke armor beinge of prouff the same to be especiallie kepte and reserved as an heirlome for him and his heires because the same is made of verye principall good mettaell and lighte and easye for carriage beinge made for myne owne bodye Allsoe the one halfe of all my plate guilte or unguilte whatsoev^r and the vj litle spoones of silver whiche my grandfather Olyver Manwaringe left and gave unto me in his laste will And I give unto hym likewise the one halfe of all my householde stuffe viz: beddinge lynnene of all manner of sortē and woollen whatsoever Alsoe the on halfe of all the pewter and brasse and iron worke as spittes golburnes rackē and suche like And for all the bedstedē bourdes stooles cubberdes and tables and all other wainscotte worke glasse iron barres in the wyndowes and suche like I will that the same shall remaine still in my house to the use of my saide wiefe for her better furniture of the howse duringe her liefē and afterwarde the same to remaine unto my saide sonne wth the howse togeather not impaired nor diminyshe by an inventory therof to be pfectlie made and taken and not valued nor appraised (Rog^r Manwaring) I give unto my saide wiefe all her chaynes of goolde jewells ringē billimentē and all apparell belonginge to her owne bodye whatsoev^r and the other halfe of all my plate guilte or plaine and the one halfe of all my howseholde stuffe viz. beddinge &c. and the one halfe of all my pewter brasse and ironworke as spittē &c. And for the reste of my chestes coffers and other kinde of howseholde stuffe I will that the same shalbe equallie devyded betwene my sonne Rycharde and my wiefe I give unto my other yonger sonne John M. on hundred poundes and I give unto hym for a token of remembrance my best ringe of goulde or signet of armes and further the some of sixe poundē of an yearlye anūtye Unto my sonne John M. twoe howses lyinge togeather in the Beamestreete the one called Cheynye Halle wherin

Mr Edward^e the surgeon dwelte and the other in the tenure of my aunte Alice Crockett wydowe beinge pcell of the land^e purchased of my cosen Henrye Manwaringe of Chester And yf my saide sonne John M. have anie sonne lawfully begotten then the same howses together wth the twoe greate gardens on the backside of the same purchase shall remaine aswell to the same John M. as alsoe to his eldeste sonne for their liefs yeldinge yearlie five shilling^e to my son and heire "Rog^r Mainwaring" And also the same John M. and his sonn (yf God send hym anye) payinge yearlye also for the saide two howses and gardens twoo good fatt capons at the feaste of xpmas yearlye unto the saide Rycharde M. and his heires for the full rente of the same yf the same capons be lawfullie demanded And ffurther my will is that yf my wyfe will keape my sonne John M. to his learninge and schole untill he shalbe hable and of yeares meete to goe to anye of the univ^sities of Cambrige or Oxforde that then she shall have the use and kepinge of the saide hundred poundes and all other his saide legac^e and por^cions shee puttinge in good band^e and assurance for the same to his use untill he shalbe sett oute to the univ^setye or innes of courte or service and then afterwarde yf the same stocke of monye maye be layde oute for som resonable consideration (likas it is used in the chamber of London for orphant^e goodes) and that upon good assurance for his better reliefe and maintenⁿce to lerninge untill he shall come to the age of xxj^{tie} yeares, or be maried by the consente of his mother and myne executors &c. "Rog^r Mainwaring" I give &c. unto Mary M. my eldeste doughter twoo hundreth poundes with this promyse and condi^con that yf she doe or shall willfullye bestowe her selfe in mariage withoute the especiall license and consente of her own mother and some one of myne executors that then my saide doughter Mary shall forfeite and lose one hundreth poundes of the some above mentioned and the same to be taken and devyded equallye amongeste all the reste of my children Alsoe I doe in like manner give &c. unto my other

daughter Margaret M. twoo hundred pounde and wth like condiçon and promyse My will is that yf my wyfe will keape my daughters and bring them uppe in vertue and learninge that then she shall have the use and custodye of these saide sevall porçõns for there better maintenñce and charge untill they shalbe maried or come to the full age of xxj^{tie} yeares puttinge good bande and assurance for the same &c. And otherwyse yf they shall goe to service or lerninge abroad that then there said porçõns to be put oute and used for some resonable comōditye (like as is used wth orphante goodē in the chamber of London) for there better maintenñce and fyndinge wth dyet and apparrell like as before for my sonne John is rehersed And further yf it shall please Almtghtye God that my saide daughters or either of them shall dye or depte oute of this mortall lyfe before they shalbe maryed or come to the age of xxj^{tie} yeares then I will that her pte or porçõns soe dyinge shall remaine to the reste of my saide children then livinge as it shall please Almightye God to appointe to be equallie devided &c. "Rogr Mainwaring" Also my will and desier is that Thomas Brooke esq^r and Thomās Case myne executors wth the consent of my wieff will appointe some honeste trustye pson to take and receive the yearelie rentte and pfecte of the said lande tenem^{te} &c. bequeathed unto my eldeste sonne and heire and the same to (be) savelie kepte and accompted for to his pper use and behoofe yearlie untill he shall come unto his age of xxj yeares ffor the better pformance of all the guifte legacies &c. wherewithe hereafter he is to be charged when he shall come to his full age allowing unto him in the meane time the some of twentie pounde yearlie as a stipende out of the said livinge for his maintenñce to scole and lerninge and afterwarde if he shall go to the univ^{rs}itie or innes of courte as my will is then to have some larger porçõn as they shall think mete And my will is that he that shall receive all the rentte and pfecte of my saied sonn &c. and shall yearlie make a juste and trewe accompte therof and that this ptie

accomptannt shalbe well paid and recompensed for his paines and travell therin as my said wieff and executors shall thinke meete and reasonable I give &c. unto my nephewe Alexander Mainwaring sextene pounde xij^s iiij^d and to John Mainwaring his basterd brother three pounde vj^s viij^d making in all twentie pounde xx^{li} Unto my suster Anne Swinglehurste twenty nobles and to all the reste of her children the some of ffive marke x^{li} Unto my brother Thom̄s Minshull one angell of golde for a token and to my neese Margarette his doughter fourtye shillinge 1^s I give unto my welbeloved cosen Roger Brooke for a token of remembrance one angell of golde x^s Unto my cosen Jane Broke my unckle Rogers doughter now reñ married in Ireland to (*sic*) a vicar in St. Patrickke Churche xx^s I give unto my cosens Robert Croket the elder tailor tenne shillinge and to Pnell Brooke my unckle John Brooke doughter tenne shillinge xx^s "Rog^r Mainwaring" Alsoe I give &c. unto my very speciall frende and M^r S^r Valentyne Browne knight¹ twooe angells of goulde to make hym a ringe for a token of remembrance of my love and dutie towarde him xx^s I give unto my very good frendes S^r Edwarde ffitton knighte and Randle Manwaringe of Pever esq^r eache of them the like gyfte of like purpose in token of remembrance and good will towarde them the same to be made in two ringe xl^s Unto my trustye and welbeloved cosen Thomas Brooke of Norton esquire (whom I have afterward in th'end of this my will chosen to be one of myne executors) one portegue of goulde for a token of my speciall love truste and good will to hym lxx^s Unto Thom̄s Maistersonn esquire my faithfull ffather in lawe and good frend on portegewe of goulde for a like token of remembrance and to my mother in lawe Katheryne his wyfe twoe angells of goulde to be made in a ringe wth my name in it to be sente unto her into Irelande iiij^{li} x^s Unto my cosen and

¹ In the original this bequest is cancelled, and in the margin is written "Voide by his deathe."

trustye frende Mr Thõms Case of Chester (whome I have alsoe chosen to be one of myne executors) on portegne of goulde and to my good lovinge cosen Dorothye his wyfe on angell of goulde for tokens of remembrance iiij^{li} Unto my cosen Henrye Manwaringe of Chester twoe angellē of goulde to make hym a ringe for a token of remembrance xx^s Unto my cosen John Wettenhall of Yorkeshire on angell To his brother William Wettenhall on angell and to my cozen Gabriell Wettenhall one angell for tokens of good will and remembrance xxx^s To Anne M^rson [Maisterson] my cozen and servante ffouer poundē and more to be devided amongste all my servantē ffortye shillingē vj^{li} And lastlie I give &c. to be geven and distributed amongst the poore people my neighbors in the towne of Namptwiche the daye of my buriall by the discrecion of myne executors the sõme of (blank) "Rog^r Mainwaring" All whiche sayde severall guyfte and legacys in monie before pticulerlye mentioned do amount to the sõme of CCCCC^{li} I will shalbe taken oute of suche other goodē as I shall leave p̃ntelye behynde me at the tyme of my deathe oute of this mortall lyfe and not before geven or bequeathed And then all the reste of my worldye goodē and substance to be equallye devyded betwene my wyfe Margaret M. and Rycharde M. my eldeste sonne "Rog^r Mainwaring" And furthermore I will that my eldeste sonne and heire shall give oute of his pte of goodes soe before to hym geven on hundred markes a pece unto eache of my daughters Marye and Margarete for there better p̃ferrmente at the tyme of there mariage Alsoe I give the some of ffower shillings evye yere for ever to be given and distributed to xij of the pooreste and eldeste poore ffolke of my nexte neighbours in Namptwiche after on grote a pece as a token of my love charitie and almes to them and the same almes to be allwayes soe geven unto them upon everie good ffrydaye nexte before Ester yerelye especiallie upon that daye aswell in token of my stedfaste and faithfull beliefe of the most precious deathe passion and resurecion of Jesus Christe myne onlie Savior

and Redemer as also in the remembrance and thankē to hymne for the birth of myne eldeste sonn Richarde M. who was borne into the worlde upon that day at the castle of fernes in Irelande w^{ch} was in the yeare of o^r saide Lorde and Savior 1577 where his grandfather Thomas Maisterson now dwelleth "Roger Mainwaring" Also I will that my wieff my suster Beck bothe my daughters and Anne M'son [Maisterson] shall have mourninge gownes at my buriall and that the men that be either myn executors or ellē overseers shall have mourninge clokē so many of them as will come to my buriall havinge knowledge and warninge of the same and all my men servantē to have blacke coatē I will that six of the eldeste and pooreste honeste men of Namptwich shall have eche of them a blacke frise gowne at my said buriall and that there be a sermon the same tyme by some good preacher and that all chardgē therof and of my funerall dyner and all other chardgē appteyninge to the same shalbe borne at the costē and chardgē of my wieff and sonne equallie betwene them And my desier is that my bodie maye be entred entombed and buried at the upper ende of the highe chauncell on the northe este side or end of the same above the door called the revestry door wthin the churche of Namptwich nere unto that corner of the chancell and close to the wall of the churche and that the outside and both the endes of the grave may be raised wth a good foundaçon of bricke from the verye botome of the grave the better to support and beare the marbell pillars and the greate tombe stone of marble that came out of Ireland as the mason shall best devise the same to be strong and sure for that great weight as it may continue and that the brick woork above the grounde be colored wth black and stronge sise for the more seemelynes and kepinge the cullor of the same in like sorte to continue in pfecōn "Roger Mainwaring" I will that there be a litell tombe or table of brasse to be made at London wheron shalbe written the daie and yeare of our Lorde of my decease out of this lieff and also what yssue or children

I then hadd wth all their severall names and the same table of brasse to be sett in a faire stone in the church wall even righte over the verie middeste of my said tombe stone and that all the chardge of the same shalbe paid by my sonne and heire aparant out of suche porcion of goodē and livingē as is assigned unto him and that the same be very well wroughte and done at London by the oversight of my wief and executors I will that if it so please Almightye Godd that all my sonnes do happen to die wthout yssue lawfullie begotten that then my saied eldeste daughter Marye shall have my said chieff dwelling house at Namp^{te}w^{ch} townesend wth all my landē &c. to her and heires lawfull for ever she paing unto her other suster or susters the some of six hundred m^lkē wthin the space of twoo yeares "Roger Mainwaring" And I doe make my cozin Tho^ms Brooke of Norton esquire my lovinge wief Margaret M. and my lovinge and trustye frend Tho^ms Case of Chester to be myne executors even as those whome I love and truste beste of all this worlde and I desire that S^r Edwarde ffitton knighte and Randall Manwaringe of Pever esquier be overseers and that the same will may be proved and pfected wthin fortye dayes nexte after my decease "Roger Mainwaring" And further I will that my saide overseers shall have mourninge cloke yf they or anye of them please to be there and doe come to my buriall And alsoe my brother in lawe Thomas Mynshull in like manner to have a cloke yf he be at my buriall And yf it shall happen that any of my executors or overseers shall take any travell or paines charge or expenses for the aunsweringe of anye matter or cawse in lawe &c. that then ther travell paines and charge shalbe recompensed as my executors and o^vseers shall thinke meete and resonable and the same to be taken oute of my eldest sonns lyvinge and porcions "Roger Mainwaring" And lastelye my will is that yf my wyfe or any other named in this will shall not like of there porcions geven unto them and yf she or they shall breake or alter any parte of the same contrarye to my verye true meaninge

and appointementes that then she or they soe doinge shall forfait
there whole porcions and then she or they soe doinge to take suche
pte and porcion onely as the lawes of this realme will give and allow
them "Roger Mainwaring" In witnes &c. and for the better
authoritie and suer pformance of the same I Rog^r Mainwaring have
subscribed and affixed my seale unto this my laste will conteyninge
seaventene leaves of paper all written on bothe sid^e the leafe the
xviijth daye of Aprill Anno Dñi 1589 and in the xxxjth yeare of
the reigne of o^r moste gracyous soveigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c.
whome God blesse and pserve longe over us Amen P me Rog^o
Mainwaring Witnesses hereof Thomā Case Richard Manwaringe
Raphe Lancton Walter Welbie Laurence Wright.

THE WILL OF ADAM RAWSTORNE
OF THE LUMM, GENT.¹

IN the nayme &c. The thredde daye of Januarye in the yere of
o^r Lord God m^olvj [1556-7] I Adm Rowstron of the Looome
wⁱn the co^m of Lan^c gen^t sycke in bodye but holle and pfycte in
remembrance praysed be God do ordyne and make my layst wyll &c.
ffyrst I beqwethe my soyll to God the ffayth^r Almyghtye to be
opteyned in to e^vlaystynge glorye through the merytes of his welbe-
loved son Jesu Cryst Secondlye I wyll my bodye to be buryede
wⁱn the prche churche of Burye Thredlye as concernyng all my
wordlye gudd^e cattels and dettes I wyll and beqweth them aft^r my
dettes payde to be dystributed in too equall ptes the one pt to me
the sayd Adam Rowstorn and the other pte to Ellon my wyfe and

¹ Proved 6th July 1562. Adam, son of Henry Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married
a daughter of Bradshaw, by whom he had a son and heir Richard Rawstorne
(see his will, *Wills and Inventories*, portion ii. p. 168), Elizabeth, wife of Ralph
Nuttall, and Margaret, wife of Richard Brook. — From the Family Pedigree.

of that pte ptaunyng to me the sayd Adm̄ my fuñhall expenses fyrst dyscharged I beqwethe y^rof unto Ryč Brucke x^{li} to Rog^o Brucke x^{li} to Thoñs Brucke x^{li} Unto ev^o chylde that I am grande fayther unto iij^s iij^d To ev^o chylde that I ham godfayther unto one lambe I gyfe &c. unto Ryč Rawstorn my holdest son and heyre c^oten heyre loomes upon condyçōn and intent that he the sayd Ryč maye leyve and gyffe the sayme ov^o agane at his decesse unto his heyres that is to saye one grett hooke one grett potte one wayne one ploghe one haroe too yooke wth yryne slynges one yryne spytte sexh silver spones one sydde burde and too stande bedstockes I beqwethe to Rawfe Holt ij^s to Jamys (sic) ij^s to Rog^o Wyttaker ij^s and furth^r what so ev^o remeyneth of my pt of gudd^e &c. the same to remayne to the sayd Ellon my wyfe and to hyr assignes for ev^o And fynally I ordyne and mayke Alexand^o Bradshaye of the Byrches and the sayd Ellon my wyfe my executors unto the wyche sayd Alexand^r I beqwethe xij^s iij^d for hys paynes And more ov^o I mayke my cosyn Lawrence Rawstorn¹ to be supvyser of y^s p^osent my layst wyll and testament unto the wych sayd Lawrence I will and beqwethe xij^s iij^d toward^e his paynes And for the more p^oformaçōn hereof I the sayd Adam R. to the p^osentes have mayde my signe or crosse w^t my hawne hande Thes wyttenes Lawrence Rawstorn gent Ryč Rawstorn gent Thoñs Holden curett Heñ Cawppe and Rič Nuttowe yemen w^t oth^r This is the dette that I hooe To the chappell reyves of Aydenfelde so longhe as Godd^e servys shalbe maneteyned y^o x^{li} And for the defawt and lacke of suche serves to the ryght heyre of me the sayd Adm̄ Rawstorn for ev^o Thes are the dettes that are hoyng to me Geffarye Lomax of Pylworth vj^{li} xij^s iij^d Wylylham Marche yonger xxx^s Executors and admynstrators of Robt Bolton gent xxx^s Ryč Hydson of Worstorn x^{li}.

¹ Lawrence Rawstorne of Newhall gent. (son of William, brother of the testator,) purchased Hutton from the crown 37 Henry VIII. He was ancestor of the Rawstornes of Newhall and Penwortham.

THE WILL OF HENRY CHETHAM OF CRUMPSALL, GENT.¹

IN the name of God amen The 6 March 1602 [1602-3] I Henry Cheetam of Crumsalle in the pishe of Manchester gent being (amongst manie other causes) moved wth the consideracone of th'uncertaintie of the lief of all men but especiallie of myne owne lief the rather by reason of myne olde age and the manyfolde infirmities of my bodye doe in my pfect and sounde memorie and understandinge make this my last will and testam^t in maner and forme followinge First I comēd my soule into the hands of Almightye God surelie trustinge through the merits of his Sonne my Savio^r Jesus Christ that he will receyve the same into his kingdome when yt shall please him to call me from this mortall lief I will my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchester in suche comelie sort as to myne executor shal be thought convenyante All my goods and chattells w^{ch} God of his bounteous liberalitie hathe here bestowed

¹ Proved 4th May 1603. Henry Chetham of Crumpsall, gent., married Jane, daughter of Robert Wroe of Heaton, yeoman, by whom he had seven sons and two daughters: 1. James of Crumpsall, gent., buried at the Collegiate Church 1st July 1654, from whom descended the Chethams of Clayton, Smedley, &c. 2. Edmund Chetham, M.A., High Master of the Free Grammar School, Manchester, will dated 28th December 1602, buried at the Collegiate Church January 1602-3; 3. George of Clayton, bap, 12th May 1576, married Isabel, daughter of James Chetham of Nuthurst, gent. He made his will 29th June 1626, and dying without issue was buried 5th January 1626-7. 4. Symon, bap, 9th April 1579, living 1602-3. 5. Humphrey, the Founder, bap, 10th July 1580, and buried 12th October 1658. 6. Ralph, buried 8rd January 1583-4. 7. Ralph of Manchester, linen draper, bap, 20th February 1591-2, married (licence dated 27th August 1618) Margaret, daughter of Adam Smith of Manchester, and died at St. Albans, having made his will 11th May 1629, which was proved at Chester in 1630; 1. Anne, who married first Daniel Travis of Blackley, and secondly Roger Kay of Blackley; and 2. Alice, bap, 26th September 1585, and was living in 1654. The testator was buried at the Collegiate Church 1st May 1603.

uppon mee I gyve as followeth that ys to saie as of right belonginge one full thirde part thereof I reserve unto my selffe one other third pte thereof I allowe unto Jane¹ my lovinge wief and the other last thirde pte thereof I allowe unto my children George Humfrey Raffe and Alice onelie (the rest of my children vidz^t Symond and Anne being thereof alreadye satisfied and paide) I give my thirde pte as followeth To my daughter Anne the wief of Daniell Travis fower poundes To all the children of my sonne James w^{ch} shal be borne and lyvinge at the time of my death sixe shillings eight pence a peece To my servannte Raphe Cheetam sixe shillings eight pence Whereas M^r John Dee warden of the colledge of Christ in Manchest^r heretofore borrowed of my sonne Edmund Cheetam² decessed (whose executor I am) the some of tenn pounds and for securitie of repaym^t thereof and of lawfull considera^õne for the forbearance of the same the saide M^r Dee delyvered to my saide sonne sixe se^uall pcells of plate to be kept as a payne or pledge for the same w^{ch} by reason of my saide executorshippe are nowe come to my possession nowe touchinge the same my will ys and I gyve to my saide sonnes Humfrey and Raphe the saide some of tenne pounds wth all the saide considera^õne due and to be due from the forbearance thereof and wth all advantags and pfitts thereuppon growinge or arisinge when and as the same shall or may be lawfullie gotten or obteyned All the rest of my saide third pte of goods after my funerall expences discharged I gyve th'one halfe to my wief and th'other halfe to my said children Alice and Raphe equallie to be divided betwixt them Nevertheles this my gyfte and bequeast unto my said wief of the saide halfe pte of the said rest and residewe of my saide thirde

¹ She made her will 19th August 1616, and was buried at the Collegiate Church 27th October of the same year.

² "1600 December 20th, borrowed of Mr. Edmund Chetam, the scholemaster, £10 for one yere uppon plate, two bowles, two cuppes with handles, all silver, waying all 82 oz. Item, two potts with cover and handells, double gilt within and without, waying 16 oz." — Dr. John Dee's *Diary*, p. 64, printed by the Camden Society.

pte of goodes is uppon this trust and confidence in her reposed that shee my said wief by her act executed in her lief time or by her las will and testam^t shall gyve and bestowe the same halfe pte uppon the children betwixt us of our bodyes begotten or uppon some one or more of them as shee in her lykinge and discretione shal thinke good And for as muche as if yt please God that my wief shall after my deathe be maried that then her power maie be taken a waie to pforme the same trust Therefore I desire her as my trust is in her to provide for and make suche means as securities before she shall so marie that the said truste may be pformed accordinge to the trewe intent and meaninge of this my last will and testam^t so as by the lawes of this realme shal be sufficiente I appointe the tui^{co}n of my saide children Raphe and Alice and of all theire goods unto my said wief untill theie shall come to [the] age of one and twentie yeres I appoint my said wief to be sole executor trustinge shee will trulie pforme the same I appointe my lovinge friends James Wroe and Thomas Heape of the pishe of Prestw^{ch} to be supvisors In wytynes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above wrytten.

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER GOODMAN,
MINISTER OF GOD'S WORD.¹

IN Dei nomine Amen I Christopher Goodman the unworthie servant of God and minister of his holye worde doe make this my laste will and testament this 22 February 1602 [1602-3] in mane^r and forme followinge first knowinge my selfe to be mortall and the tyme uncertayne when it will please Almightye God to call for me out of this vale of miserye beinge nowe aged and weake in

¹ Proved December 1603.

bodie but yet praysed be God of pfecte memorye doe comitt my selfe
 wholye to the hande of God my heavenly father in our Lord Jesus
 Christe wth assured hope that he will receave my soule (through the
 merits of his beloued sonne) into the bosome and reste of Abraham
 Isack and Jacob when it shall depte from this earthly tabernacle
 My bodie in like hope of a joyfull resurrection I bequethe to the
 earth from whence it was taken to be buried by my wives corpes in
 the pishe church termed St. Bridgets to w^{ch} s^d pishe I give xx^{li} for a
 yeareley stocke for e^v to set the poore one worke eyther by spyninge
 and cardinge of linnen or wollen and the s^d some of xx^{li} to be coitted
 by the discretion of my executo^{rs} to some one or two honeste men of
 the same pishe that will be bound to set the poore of that pishe one
 worke and that will alowe the s^d poore well and resonablye for their
 labour as charitye dothe require and he or they that shall have the
 same so comitted unto them to take the whole benefitte therof in
 respects of their labour and paynes for and duringe soe longe tyme
 as mye s^d executo^{rs} and heires shall thinke coveniēt and as they s^d
 psons shall well and truely employe the same accordinge to this
 mye intent and purpose and not longer but in neclecte therof to let
 others have it in the s^d pishe that will truely pforme the same I
 give to the poore of the s^d pishe to be distributed at their howses the
 daye of mye buriall accordinge to the discretion of mye executo^{rs} wth
 the assistance of some honest of the pishe beste acquaynted wth the
 poore therof the some of fortye shillinge I give &c. to the maior
 and citizens of the cittie of Chester and their successors for e^v the
 some of xxv^{li} to wardes a stocke and yeareley pvision of corne to
 serve the cittie and to keepe downe the market and to releave the
 poore namelye in a dearthe and scarcitey of corne w^{ch} s^d some of
 xxv^{li} shall be deliv^d by the maior and aldermen his brethren to
 some one or tow fathyfull and godleye citizens w^{ch} will be carefull to
 pvide corne at the best hand that if a dearthe come it maye then
 serve for the benifite of the poore citizens at a lesse rate then the

ordinarye prices rassinge some pfitt towardses the payes [pains] of such as shalbe appoynted therunto w^{ch} I doe of that smale stipend God hathe lent me in hope that others heareafter of better meanes maye be induced to augment the same to the furtherance therof I give &c. unto the children of mye sister in lawe M^{rs} Jenens x^{li} and likewise to the children of my sister in lawe M^{rs} Peele als Wethers other x^{li} accordinge to the minde and desire of mye lovinge wife w^{ch} moneye mye minde is shall be deliv^d to mye sonne in lawe M^r George Gale of Crediton wthin the countie of Devon esq^r or to his wife mye daughter his wife M^{rs} Katheren Gale to be bestowed uppon the s^d children acc^ordinge to their good discretions I give &c. unto my sonne in lawe M^r George Gale and my daughter his wife mye downe bed in the streete chamber next mye studye withe the matris bolster pillowe beare towe wth blankette and one of greene and mye best coveringe vj fayer quessins wroughte one greene carpet of brodclothe w^{ch} coverethe the longest table in mye hall knowinge that theye will bestowe them uppon their daughters as they shall thinke best when occasion servethe I give unto my brother M^r John Goodman the drawinge table and the cubborde in the halle wth all the cheires and stooles in the house savinge to [two] little greene stooles that I have pmised and doe give the one to widdow Leache and the other to goodwife Goodicar I give unto mye sister Alles late wife to one Gundry late of South Hampton the some of fiftie shillinge To mye cossin Eliz. Tilston I give all that shee oweth me amountinge to the some of xjx^{li} or therabout as will appeare bye mye booke More o^v I desire mye brother John to let her have the use of this house wherin I now am for some tyme untill shee maye cōvenientley pvide her a place to dwell in I give unto my neace hir sister Bridgett Grimsdich the troneke w^{ch} I lent her To mye cossin M^{rs} Ellin fitton the greate cheste in the streete chāber w^{ch} I boughte of hir father and gave him x^s for the same besides vij^s the locke and keye coste and the little table I leave to

her wth mye wives minde was shee should have To mye cossin hir husband the Booke of M^oters I give unto mye cossin M^r Wiſſm Alderseye his wife the cheste now standinge at mye bed^e head and to him selfe mye best gowne and mye best payre of and irons and to his daughter Alles a stone jugge pott garnished wth silver w^{ch} is in the fores^d cheste I give unto mye cossin Katharin Jones the moneye her husband owethe my [me] beinge the some of viij^{li} and moreo^v I give unto her the x^s shilling^e in moneye and sixe silver spones she borrowed of mee To Jane Jennins and her tow sisters a mattres the beste I have wth blankett^e coveringe and boulster to the same for them to lye uppon at their fathers but if he will not pmit the s^d Jane to lye in his house then mye minde is the s^d Jane shall [have] the s^d thing^e to hir owne use Wheras Christopher Chalner owethe me jx^{li} I give therof to his sonne John to make him a stocke the some of v^{li} and the residue I give to the s^d Christopher and his wife I give to Thomas Martin and Thom^s Robinson th^eone now at Oxford and th^eother at the Uni^versity at Dublin in Ireland and to eyther of them the some of xxx^s viz. v^s a peace to eyther of them at th^eanuncia^on nexte and v^s to eyther of them at Midsomⁿ next and th^eother xx^s a peace to eyther of them towards their exhibition for the yeare followinge and soe I praye God blesse them in their studies And touchinge the money Randall Iust owethe me bye bill and otherwise beinge viij^{li} vj^s or therabout I wishe mye executors to doe their indeavours to pcure the same and then to use their discretions in helpinge of his wife therwth if God should call for hym And touchinge all the residue of mye houshold stuffe unbequethed I leave to be sould bye mye executors toward^e y^e discharge of mye funerall expenc^e and pformance of this mye will And for mye librarye of bookes I leave to the orderinge and discretion of mye brother John G. and mye cossin Wiſſm Alderseye whether they shall thinke better to sell them or to distribute the same to suche mye cossins as shall aplye themselves to learninge as to mye cossin Alderseye his sonnes

mye cossin ffitton his sonnes mye cossin Calcott^e sones mye cossin Tilston his sonnes and other of mye kindred that give themselves to learninge espetialie to divinitie for w^{ch} my bokes best serve And for John Grimesdicke I give unto him fortie shilling^e wherof xx^s is alreadie p^rmisid bye me to his m^r that nowe teachethe him to write and the other xx^s I wishe to be bestowed uppon him in reparaell or other wayes towards his charges if he goe to London to be prentize I alsoe wishe that he maye be removed from his mother soe soone as anye place can be p^rvided for him Furthermore I give unto mye cossin Eliz. Tilston the some of iiij^{li} in moneye towards the mayntenance of hirselfe and children and the better furtherance to get a place to be in To old Tittle I leave mye fryse cassocke and to Joseph^e mye man I give the some of xxx^s iiij^d to buye him a cote and some of mye apparell as a dobl^et a peayre of breaches and a payre of stocking^e and to Sconce Selator some of my ould apparell and doe forgive him that he owethe me ffurthermore I doe here ordeyne &c. mye loveinge brother M^r John Goodman and my good cossin M^r William Alderseye to be mye executo^{rs} and mye cossin M^r John ffitton to be an ov^rseer of the same And in wytnes herof &c. In p^rsence of John ffitton Withm Alderseye John Morgell.

There is further to be added as a coddisell these thing^e followinge Firste I doe give the some of fiftie poundes w^{ch} is in mye brother John Goodman his hand^e towards the releife of the distressed citizens of Geneva wherof I am a member Moreov^r I will that the xx^{li} S^r Thom^s North owth me shalbe recov^d and that xv^{li} pcell therof shalbe distributed to my three neaces the daughters of mye s^d brother John and th[']other v^{li} th[']one halfe therof to mye sister Alles and th[']other to mye cossin Eliz. Tilston I give to the s^d Eliz. that remayne w^{ch} mye s^d brother John owth unto me in mye booke beinge about xiiij^{li} to the benifite and p^rferment of hir children and not to paye anye ould or former debt^e I give to those v maydes

whoe watche¹ wth me viz. Sara Jenins Jane Jennins Ellin Tilston Eliz. Callowe and Marye Callye x^s a peace And to Thoms Robin-son I give Musculus uppon the Comon Plases And what one booke John Asbrooke desireth that I have not given alreadie to my cossin Hugh Alderseye or others mye will is he shall have I give unto my brother John mye seale w^{ch} I seale letters wthall and the tow cesterns of leade that are in the house And to Katharin wife to Richard Serle xx^s and to her sister M^rgaret x^s In witnes &c. this 25th of Aprill 1608 John Goodman John fitton Withm Alderseye.

Alsoe sythens it is his minde and will that M^r Withm Harrisone shall peche at his funerall and shall have x^s givin him Moreo^v it is his will y^t Withm Huchins shall have xx^s given towards his exhibition and alsoe that Christopher Chalner shall have allowed him of the xxx^{li} that I Withm Alderseye borrowed of mye uncle the some of x^{li} allowed him in y^e redemption of his house from me if he will enter in covenante not to alinate and sell the house to anye other but to keepe the same to his owne use and his heyres.

THE WILL OF JAMES LIGHTBOWNE OF MANCHESTER, MERCHANT.²

IN the name &c. 26 March 1621 I James Lightbowne of Manchester in the county of Lancaster merchant being sick in body but of good and perfect memorie the Lord God be praised

¹ i.e. who sat up with him in his sickness, from which it might seem that he had had a long illness, and occasioned "those v. maydes," as another old testator making a similar bequest said, "many evil nights."

² The pedigree of this family was recorded at Dugdale's visitation. The widow of the testator married secondly January 30, 1626-7 John Dawson of Manchester, attorney-at-law, and was buried with her first husband in the Cathedral May 8, 1640.

therefore knowinge my bodie to bee mortall and death certeyne to evrie creature and the houre of death most vncerteyne beinge mynded to sett such landes and goodes in order for avoyding trouble hereafter as the Lord in his mercie hath bestowed on me doe proceed to make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to witt first and principally I commend and bequeath my soule to Almighty God my Creator trusting by the precious death of Jesus Christ my Redemer and Holie Gost my sanctifyer to be an inheritor of the kingdome of heaven First as touchinge my burgage in the Mealegate in Manchester I devise the same unto John Lightbowne my eldest sonne and to his heires for ever provided alwayes that Elleanor my now wyfe shall enjoy the same till my said sonne shall accomlishe the age of one and twentie yeares and after [that] then shee shall enjoye the moyetie thereof duringe her lyfe Seacondly as touchinge my land in Stockport I devise the same [to] my executors to the intent that they shall sell it to the highest price and the money for which the land is sould I give the same in manner &c. that is to witt first I give and bequeath unto the said Elleanor my wyfe one hundred and fiftie poundes and the rest of the said money to be equally devyded amongst all my children And as touchinge such goodes as the Lord God hath blessed mee with all (after my debts paid and funerall expences discharged) I doe devyde the same into three equall pts whereof the first pte I reserve to myselfe to bee bestowed as hereafter followeth The seacond pte I give unto my children equally to bee devided amongst them and the third I give unto Elleanor L. my wife I give to Elizabeth Nicholson my wyves aunt

Lanc. MSS. vol. xii. A MS. diary of Samuel Lightbowne of Manchester Esq. [1695-1718] is in the possession of Canon Raines, who has also a MS. sermon preached by Mr. Hyde of Salford on Gen. v. 24, at the funeral of Adam Lightbowne—no date, but between 1667-1680. The testator was buried at the Collegiate Church April 8, 1621.

tenne poundes to dispose of unto such child or children of myne as shee shall please I give other tenne poundes unto Ellin Rowson widowe of Thurston R. late of Stockport deceased to bestowe in lyke manner of such of my child or children as shee shall please I give unto the poore of Manchester fyve poundes Unto the poore in Boulton fyve poundes To John Gaskell my executor fourtie shilling to buy him a gould ring I give and bequeath unto Lawrence Owen my other executor a gould ringe of my owne I give unto John Lightbowne my eldest sonne twentie poundes and to James L. my sonne twenty poundes and to Nathan L. my sonne twenty poundes in consideraçon of the lyke sune which Thurstan Rowson late of Stockport deceased was desirous they should have of goods and chattalls which I enjoye for them I give unto Richard Lightbowne and Ellin L. sonne and daughter of my brother William L. late deceased five pounds apeece To my brother in lawe Francis Nicholson of London merchant tenne shillinge To my brother in lawe James Glasbrooke and to Alice his wyfe tenne shillings apeece To my brother John Lightbowne and to Anne L. his wyfe tenne shillinge apeece To my brother in lawe Thomas Briddocke and Margarette his wyfe my sister tenne shillings apeece I give unto my servant Richard Radcliffe fyve poundes to bee paid unto him at the end of his apprentishipp To my daughter Elizabeth Lightbowne five poundes over and besides her filiall porcion in liewe of fyve poundes which my late father John Lightbowne bequeathed unto her by his last will and testament I give unto John Rowson of Stockport to Thomas R. his brother and to Sibell R. their sister [each] tenne shillinge I give unto Ambrose Nicholson of Redishe Greene tenne shillinge Unto Thomas Lightbowne of Hallywell neare Bolton tenne shillinge Unto Alexander Lightbowne of Boulton tenne shillinge I give unto M^r Tacey¹ twentie shillinge

¹ Rev. Edward Tacey, one of the chaplains of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, was buried there 20th August 1632.

for which my desire is that hee would preache my funerall sermon I give unto Margarette wyfe of the said John Gaskell sixe shillinge eight pence Unto Ellen wyfe of the said Lawrence Owen sixe shillinge eight pence Unto Marie wyfe of Edward Holbrooke sixe shillinge eight pence The rest and residue of my said parte of goodes I give to be equally devyded amongst all my children And I make the said Elleanor my wife and the said John Gaskell and Lawrence Owen executors of this my said last will and testament desiringe them to see the same accomplished as my sure trust is in them I desire my lovinge brother in lawes Francis Nicholson and James Glasbrooke to bee supervysors desiringe them to doe their best endeavour to see it executed and to ayde them with their advice and counsell And I doe renounce all former wills legacies and bequests by me heretofore given and bequeathed In witness whereof I the said James Lightbowne have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written James Lightbowne Sealed signed read published and declared in presence aud witnes of John Leigh Edward Holbrooke Charles Leigh.

THE WILL OF HENRY BURY OF BURY, CLERK.¹

IN the name of God Amen I Henry Bury of Bury in the countie of Lancaster clerke aged eightie nine yeares or therabouts being of reasonable good health in body and comfortable quiet

¹ It is to be regretted that more is not known of the benevolent and venerable testator. If he were beneficed at all, it is thought that he held no preferment in the Diocese of Chester. The probability seems to be that he had been a Schoolmaster. Bishop Gastrell states that the School was founded at Bury in 1625, which is pro-

and sounde in mynde I thanke God doe make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye God by whose mercie only I hope to be saved and my body to be buried whear myne executors shall thinke most convenient And theis men doe I choose and appoint to be myne executors Roger Kaye of Widell gent and Edmund Holte my syster Allis grandchilde and I doe give unto either of them twentie poundes a peece for ther paines and no more prayinge them therwith to be contented I desire also M^r Robert Heywood of Heywood Hale and M^r Richard Medocroft of Smethurst Hale¹ to be overseers of this my will and assistants to myne executors and I doe give unto either of them ffortie shillings for ther paines Allmightie God hath bene excedinge good unto me all praise be geven to him therfore and I would faine in verie deede bothe bee and also appeare to be thankfull to him for his goodnes and I doe therfore hearby geve by this my last will to the parish of Burie (the place whear I was borne the place wheare my pgenitors wear borne) three hundreth poundes for and towards the yearlie mentayninge of a schoole maister ther for to teach ther children one hundreth poundes of which three is in the hands of Abraham Nabb of Walmersley and by him owinge unto me And my will is that the said some of three hundreth poundes be putt forth for the benefite of the said schoole by my said executors till such time as the said some may convenientlye be bestowed upon landes for the use aforesaid and I doubt not but that the parishioners wilbe willinge to add somethinge to this some wherby sufficient maintenance maie yearly aryse for the

bably a clerical error for 1635. — *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part 1, p. 30. The Editor gives some account of the unhappy history of this foundation and also of its fortunate restoration by the Rev. Roger Kay, M.A., the munificent grandson of Roger Kay of Wood Hill gent., one of Henry Bury's Executors and a Governor of his School. A copy of the Rev. R. Kay's will, dated 1729, hitherto unpublished is in the *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 267 *et seq.*

¹ Both these Bury families recorded pedigrees at Dugdale's Visitation in 1665.

mentayninge of y^e schoole aforesaid I geve twelve pounds to mak a loft with (needfull stuffe beinge pvided and brought to the place by the parishe) in the lower end of Bury church for people to sitt in or between the church and the chancell wher the roode loft was woont to be and I doubt not but that the good Erle of Darby (if he be therunto by petission moved) will with all his hart allow timber enough for church schoole and some convenient place for the libery I geve ten pounds to Manchester (the good place of my best education) to buy books with then to be payed when they shall have a convenient place of ther owne furnished with bookes for the common use of the said parrish to the worth of a hundreth pounds a thyng that may in myne opinion soone be donne in that great rich and religious towne (The libery at Ipswich is thought to be worth 300^{li} and yet began but a while agoe) Yf they pvide not bookes for a libery as aforesaid within seaven yeares next after my death my will is they have no benefit by this legacie but the same to be to whom I shall geve the remainder of all my goods I geve unto Margret Holte my sister Allice doughter and to hir husband James Holte and to ther doughter Allis Holte one hundreth poundes which I some times pmised to lend unto them To the children of the said Margret and James to Anne six shillings eight pence and to evy one of the rest (except Allice Holte) yearly duringe ther lyves twenty shillings I geve unto Thomas Holt the youngest sonne of my sister Allice three pounds yearly during his lief the first payment therof to begin when he shalbe of the age of sixtie yeares and not before To his syster Allis Lomaxe twentie shillings a yeare duringe her lief I geve to the children of my brother Mathew Bury to Ellen twenty shillings to Jane and William fortie shillings a peece and to Allis and Raufe three poundes a peece My will and mynde is ther be yearly geven during his lief to Henry Bury of Wenesley my syster Joanes grandchild twentie shillings the first payment then to be made when he can readily reade and write and

cast accounts but not before I geve unto James Bury of Tottington the grandchilde of James Howorth free mason forty shillings and twentie shillings to his mother and three pounds to his brother Henry Bury yearly duringe their lieffe I geve unto John Bury sone in lawe to James Holte a legacy of fyve pounds a yeare duringe his lief It is my will and mynde that if it shall please God I doe dept this lief before I shall purches landes out of which I now intende my executors to paie theis yearly annuities or legacies then my will and mynde is that the said psons to whom the yearly legacies are geven shall not have anie pt therof but instead of evy twentie shillings p ann^y geven to anie duringe lief they shall have sixe pounds thrithen shillings and four pence (and so pportionably whether the somes be more or lesse) paid them at one paiment by my said executors as soone as conveniently the can out of my monies that shall come to ther hands wthout exception of anie condiçons upon which y^e yearly annuities wear intended to have been geven I geve fyve shillings a peece to theis psons to Thomas Wolstenham and to his children and grandchildren to Edmund Holt of Brucksmouth and to his wief and children to the grandchildren of my aunt Lettise Kay of y^e Tutchwade and to the children of her sister my aunt Anderton of Elton to the widdow of Rychard Grenhalgh of Manchester pishe to ffrancis Grenhalgh of the *Starnes* to Edmund Parsivall to ould Arthur Holt and to his brother Thomas to the children of M^r James Bateson¹ my good schoole maister and to the children of Margret Bexwike² my good hostes and syster to M^r

¹ Mr. James Bateson was High Master of Manchester Grammar School. — *Wharton's History*, p. 103.

² She is named in the will of her husband Roger Beswicke of Manchester yeoman, a wealthy and educated man, having "written his will with his own hand," dated April 4, 1598, proved at Chester Nov. 21, 1599, and thereby disposed of a good estate. She was probably not living at Bury's death. Fox records that her husband Roger Beswicke was present at the martyrdom of John Bradford in 1555. Beswicke's will, inventory, letters, &c., are in the *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxvi. pp. 381, 385.

Bradforthe the martir My will is that my two songe bookes ether of which contayneth all M^r Waterhouse his songs of two p^{ts} in on upon the plaine songe of Myserere above 1000 waies shalbe geven the one of them to Oxforde the other to Cambridge where I hope they shalbe safly kept or published in print for the credit of Englishmen and for the better p^rserving and contineuance of that wonderfull worke Whearas I have already geven to certen ffeoffes in trust for the use of Bury parish and the cuntrie therabouts of ministers also at ther metinge and of schole maisters and others that seek for learninge and knowledge above sixe hundreth bookes and some other such things as I thought might helpe for ther delight and refresh students as globes mappes pictures and some other things not evy wheare to bee seene now my will is ther be so manie songe bookes added to them as may make the wholl number sixe hundreth sixty and six I geve unto Henry Bury of Tottington my silver pot wth the cover To Henry Bury of Wensley my other silver pott then to be deliv^d unto him when he can reade and wryte and cast accompts but not before and in the meane while to be in the custody of Henry the sone of James and Margret Holt of Bury More Yate that fine readinge boy* I geve unto S^r Edward Mosley knight and to M^r John Grenhalghe of Brandleshoulme Esq^r my two silver spoones humbly besechinge them to deale well with my good ffathers poore posterity I geve unto M^r Raufe Asheton that religious gentleman my eagle-stone¹ which I lately lent him for his wief It is my will and mynde that all my landes w^{ch} I have not formerly passed awaie and geven by deede that they shall descend to my heire at the comon lawe Henry Bury and my desier and will is that all those to whom I have geven lands would be very carefull to kepe them for ther heires and in that name in w^{ch} I have left them There be certen wrytings w^{ch} I would have alwaies to goe wth myne

¹ For an account of an eagle stone and its marvellous properties, see Canon Raines' *Stanley Papers*, p. 154, note.

executors or the ffeffoes for the liberary viz. the donaçon and erection of Croyden hospitall notes of Bury lordship and the parsonage ther the schooles of Ryvington Middleton Bungary Bury Saint Edmundes and Moulton with Almers legacies and other good patterns My will is that my greatest bell and my greatest deer head become heir loomes to the Wood Roade and be dellivered to John Bury The two next in bignes to the Lowe and the third in bignes to Grindles or fletchers on the other side of the ryver I geve unto M^r Dunster¹ that studious and painfull minister twentie shillings To the poore of the parishe of Bury within a yeare or two after my death to be paide them by my executors thritten pounds sixe shillings and eight pence Let the sexton have four times as much for making my grave as he hath for other men Let twelve shillings be geven to twelve poore honest men to carie me to my grave Let the custom of wastfull and needles expences be broken at my buriall All my bookes globes mapps papers not formerly geven I geve to Henry Bury of Tottington and to Henry sone of James Holt and Henry Bury of Wensley with a charge that when the yongest of them shalbe four and twentie yeares ould they show them to M^r Heywood M^r Wodecroft and M^r Lever or ther heires and let them take out of them what they thinke fitt for the liberary at Bury and geve the rest to my frends to remember mee withall It is my will that all my debts and funerall expences be taken upp and paide out of my wholl goods with what charges myne executors shalbe put unto for the faithfull execution of this my will and likewyse that if anie thinge seeme to be hard to be understoode in this my will that the same shalbe understoode as the oversiers of this my will thinke I ment it and let ther be no goinge to lawe about it yf anie person be con-

¹ Mr. Henry Dunster, an oriental scholar, a native of Middleton Parish, and the first President of Harward College in New England, died 1659. The family migrated from Middleton to "Dunsters" in Bury Parish about the beginning of the 17th century. — See *Lanc. MSS.*

tentious and not content with such legacies as I have hearby given them but shall goe to lawe unjustly with my executors let such psons have no benefite by his legacy All the remainder of my goods I geve unto Henry Bury and James Bury sons of Henry Bury deceased of Tottington and I doe hearby renounce all former wills and publishe this to be my last will and testament the two and twentieth day of October 1634 and have hearunto putt my hand and seale before theise witnesses M^d that the heir loomes geven to the Lowe are to be delivered to James Holt and the heir loomes for ffletcher House to James Holt senior of Bury More Gate Whear as I have geven 300^{li} for the use of the schoole of Bury as aforesaide my will and mynde is that the said 300^{li} shall not be bestowed in lands but put forth by my executors for the use of the said schoole till the pfit therof and that which the parish shall add to it shall make up the some of sixe hundreth pounds and then to be bestowed as aforesaid.

Henry Bury.

Witnesses hearof

Peter Hoult.

Daniell Stones.

his m^rke D S.

Ultimo die mensis Octobris A^o dni 1634.

M^d that whearas I have fformely geven thre hundreth pounds towards a schoole to be a ffree schoole at Bury and to be bestowed upon landes rent charge or anuity so as the same may be made a ppetuity and to continue for ever so soone as the same 300^{li} wth the use therof or other gyfts by others will amount unto the some of sixe hundreth pounds to be bestowed by myne executors with the advyse and appbacon of Robt Holt of Stubble Esq^r John Grenhalgh Esq^r M^r Robt Heywood M^r John Croston M^r Edward Rosthorne of Lume M^r Rychard Meadocroft M^r Peter Holt of Bridge Rychard Smethurst of Broadoake Edward Symond Roger Kay of Widdell Thomas Whithead of y^e ffelds Wiltm Bury of Tottington Henry

Bury of the same John Bury my allyanc Edm^d Holt of Bury More
 Yat all w^{ch} psonns I wishe to be ffeoffies or governours to the said
 schoole or so many of them as shalbe then lyvinge And so often
 heareafter as anie such governors shall dye or remove forth of this
 pish of Bury that then new shalbe elected by the survyvours or such
 as shalbe recient in ther stidd and that they shall from time to time
 make such orders and statuts as well for the well government of the
 said schoole schoolemaister usher and scollars as for the carefull
 lookinge to and preservinge of the landes &c. as shall belonge to the
 same as they or the greater pte of them shall in ther wysdomes
 thinke fitt Whearin for ther better helpe therein I wishe they
 would take notice of some orders and statuts of some other ffree
 schooles w^{thin} this county and from them to collect the best most
 pfitable and usefull and concludue such to be the orders and statutes
 for that schoole with enlarge^{mt} or abridge^{mt} as they shall think fitt
 And in case of a vacanee of a mayster or usher I wish such may be
 accepted of as shall be nominated by the greater pte of the governors
 and appved of for learninge lief and sufficiency by the severall parsons
 and ther successors from time to time vidz. the parson of Bury of
 Midleton of Prestwich of Radicliffe and the vicar of Rachdall and
 his successors for the time beinge or the greater pte of them And
 if anie thinge I have sett down in this or my said will concerninge
 the same which may not litterally or legally be donne I wish the
 same may be reformed as counsell learned shall advyse accordinge
 to my true meaninge And this I have sett downe for a further
 declarac^{on} of my intention and wish the same to be annexed unto
 my will and in witnesse hearof I doe subscribe

In presence of

Henry Bury.

Wiliam Heald.

Daniell D S Stones.

his m^rke.

THE WILL OF HENRY BUTLER OF RAWCLIFFE, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The seaven and twentieth day of Maye in the yere of our Lorde God 1619 ffor as much as yt is decreede by the eternall judgement of Allmightye God that all men must and shall dye and as nothings is more certaine then death soe there nothings is more uncertaine then the tyme and place thereof wch Allmighty God in his dyvyne pvydence hath onely reserved unto himself to th'ende wee should by his grace and mercye direct the course of our lyves in such sorte as we might allwayes be found readye and well prepared to dye whensoever yt shall bee his pleasure to call us out of this lyeff Therefore I Henrye Butler of Rawcliffe in the countye of Lancaster Esquyer callinge to my remembrance that yt is the duety of Christian man whiles hee is in best health to take care for the good disposition of such goodē and chattellē as yt shall please God to make him owner of aswell for the discharge of his owne consyence as for preventinge such troubles unkindnes and contrayes as do most coṃonlye growe where no such order is taken doe the day and yere above written in the feare of God and I trust

¹ No date of probate. Henry Butler of Rawcliffe Esq. descended from Richard Butler (younger son of Almeric Butler of Warrington), who held Outrawcliffe by the gift of Theobald Walter and died 9 Edward I, married Anne daughter of Henry Banister of Bank Esq. by whom he had issue William his son and heir, Nicholas, Thomas, Robert, Margaret wife of William Haggerston of Haggerston co. Northumberland, Joan wife of John Smith of Stalmin Grange, Prudence wife of Thomas Singleton of Scales, and Gismund who married John Atherton of Atherton Esq.—*Suffield MSS.* He was one of the guests of Henry Earl of Derby K.G. at New Park in 1589. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 70, 201. The testator was dead before May 1621. His descendant, Henry Butler of Rawcliffe Esq., being involved in the rebellion of 1715, had his estates confiscated, when he removed to the Isle of Man, where he was living 3rd October 1717.

with his specyall assistance mercy and grace make this my last will and testament in manner and fforme followeing That is to say first as charitye moveth mee to begyn att my self soe with all my harte will and power I comēde and bequeath my soule into the hande of the holye and blessed Trynitie that is to say God the ffather God the Sonne and God the Holye Ghost and yett but one God without beginninge and endinge who in the pson of his Sonne Jesus Christ hath redeemed my soule from the tyranye of the devill and from everlastinge damnacon by the meritte onely of his bitter death and passion and by the same onely I trust and beleve to have remission of all my sins and to be saved and made ptaker of his glorious presence and evlastinge kingdome Secondly for that yt is comēdable and a devout order to have the dead buryed soe I will and doe referr the order of the buryall of my bodye to the discretion of my executors and such of my frende as shalbee about mee at my decease the same to bee done without pompe or great waste and as the tyme and place shall requyre when and where yt shall please God to call mee to his mercye Thirdlye and lastlye my wholle indeavor in all the residue of this my will shall bee soe to dispose of those chattelle and worldly goodde w^{ch} God of his goodnes hath lent unto mee as I may shewe my self thanckfull unto him who is the giver of all carefull of my wief and posteritye with other my kind-folkes and frende w^{ch} my affeccon and love towarde them suffereth mee not to forgett and myndfull of the poore w^{ch} accordinge to my abilitye I am bounde and also charitye moveth mee to provyde for And therefore as touchinge the disposition of all the goodde and chattelle whereof I dye possessed and of all the debte and duetyes w^{ch} shall bee att the tyme of my decease oweing to mee ffirst my will and mynd is that all such debte and duetyes w^{ch} I owe of right or of conscience to any pson be well and truely contented and payed by myne executors hereafter named out of my wholle goodde and chattelle and after my debte paid and funerall expences discharged

then I will and bequeath unto Anne my wief the sōme of twentye pounds to her owne proper use in the name of her purptye and reasonable parte to her of all my said goodē &c. I give unto Anne Haggerston my grandchilde the sūme of one hundreth poundē towardē her p̄ferment in mariadge to be payed unto her within six moneths next after my decease I give &c. unto Anne Smyth beinge the sole childe nowe lyvinge of my late daughter Joany deceased the sōme of one hundred poundē towardē her p̄ferment in mariadge to bee payed unto her within one whole yere next after my decease And whereas in my lief tyme I have made unto Nicholas Butler Thomas B. and Robte B. my younger sonnes each of them a lease of certaine landē of my inheritauce for the lyves of themselves and others respectyve w^{ch} I intende to bee for their p̄ferment beinge as much as my estate could well beare and allsoe to bee to them in leiuē and recompence of all such porcōn of my goodē as they could challenge from mee after my decease upon w^{ch} leases there are certaine rentē boones and service reserved yearely to be paid unto mee all w^{ch} are behynde and nev^{er} sythence the makinge of the said leases were paid Nevertheles of my good will I give &c. unto my said three yonger sonnes Nicholas Thomas and Roberte to each of them the said arreragē of the said rentē boones and service of his owne tenemente remayninge in his handē and allsoe the sōme of tenne poundē a peece to each of them upon condiçōn that if my said sonnes Nicholas Thomas and Roberte or any of them after my decease doe molest or trouble my executors or any other pson cō^{cern}inge any pte or porcōn of my goodē clayminge the same unto them as their childe partē other then such thingē as are given unto them by this my will that then such of the said Nicholas Thomas and Roberte as shall see sue molest &c. shalbee debarred from takinge any benefitt by this my last will I give &c. to each one of my servantē one whole yeres wages that is with mee and serveth att my death I give &c. the residue and rev^{er}siōn of all my goodē

chattelle and debtē moveable and unmoveable whatsoev^r not form^llye bequeathed my debtē beinge paid full expence and legasyes discharged unto John Atherton Luke Haggerston Anne Haggerston Anne Smith my grandchildren equally to bee devyded amongst them and each of them to have their equall parte and porcōn to be payed by myne executors within one whole yeare and a half next after my decease I do make &c. my welbeloved grandchilde Thomas Haggerston my sonne Nicholas Butler my nephewe Christopher Bannester and my nephewe Richard Bannester my full executors of this my last will and testament And I doe hartelye desyer and request my vearye welbeloved ffreind Maister Leigh pson of Standish¹ and my veary good frend M^r William ffoster of Garstange to bee overseers thereof and I utterlye revokae &c. In witnesse &c.

Henry Butler.

Wytnesses &c. John Gaskell Henry Dobson.

THE WILL OF LADY MARY SAVAGE,
WIDOW.²

IN the name of Jhesus Amen. I Mary Savage geve al my goodes here yn Chesshere as here folowethe I geve unto Alee

¹ For a notice of this famous preacher see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 117.

² The testatrix was the widow of Sir John Savage of Rock Savage Bart., who died in 1615, and one of the daughters and coheirs of Richard Allington Esq. She had issue Elizabeth, who married first Thomas Mainwaring, a younger son of Mainwaring of Martin Sands, near Over, and secondly Sir Raufe Done of Duddon; Grace, the wife of Sir Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey; and Sir Thomas Savage Bart., created Viscount Savage by King Charles I. in 1626, ancestor of the Earls of Rivers (Savage) and Viscounts Colchester. He and his mother, Lady Mary Savage, of Bostock Hall, were buried at Macclesfield on the same day 16th December 1635. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 529. The whole of this will is autograph; there is no endorsement of its having been proved, but it is attached to an allegation on the part of Sir Ralph Done Knt.

Mackele my oulde and deerely beloved servante al my heretts and cattel yn her occupation at Bostoke and al other thynges belongynge to me yn her custodye there Also I geve her fyfty pounce yn monye to be payde unto her presentely after my deathe yf I returne no more ynto Cheshyre and yf she maye not lyve at Bostoke won yere after my deathe I geve her won hundred pounce more Also I geve unto Elenor Mynshul my seconde payre of borders wythe perle and fyfty pounce yn mony to be presentely payde her at my deathe yf I cumme no more ynto Cheshyre Nowe I bequethe my hole estate but thys to my daugeter Elyzabethe Manwarynge as folowethe al my juels al my plate al my lynnyn and al my goodes yn Cheshyre whatsoever I have and I wyl not have any devyset yn lawe to hynder or defraude her won penyworthe Also I bequethe al my goodes beyng yn the cyty of Chester to my sayde daughter Elyzabethe Manwarynge Also I geve unto my sonne Sr Thomas Savage forty shylynges and my daughter Wylbram forty shylynges more yn ful satysfaction of there chyldes parte Dated thys nynthe daye of Octobre 1618 Wytnes my hand and sele

Mary Savage.

Wytnes herto John Lytler Law. Dichfield Joannes Fittonn.

THE WILL OF JOHN HALLIWELL OF EALEES,
GENT.¹

IN the name of God Amen 2 January 1608 [1608-9] I John Halliwell of Ealees in the parishe of Rachdalle in the countie

and the Lady Elizabeth his wife February 11th 1635 [1635-6]. These two were defendants with Lord Savage in a cause promoted against them by Sir Richard Wilbraham Bart. and Lady Grace his wife. — J. P. For a further account of Lady Savage see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 171.

¹ Proved 2nd March, 1619-20. His father's will has occurred before (see p. 126).

of Lancaster gent. being of pfect remembrance thanks and praise be given unto God for the same do make &c. First and principallie I bequeath my soul into the hands of God trustinge by the benefit of the passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the middle alleye of Rochdale church or elsewhere as God shall appointe att the disposal of my frends And as touching my temporal goods not already settled I dispose of them as follows First I give and bequeath to Isabell my wife £100 in satisfaction of her parte of such goods as God hath blessed me withall To Elizabeth Butterworth wife of Henry Butterworth of Wildhouse gent. and to Isabel Marland wife of James Marland of Marland gent. and also to Jane Greenewoode wife of Robert Greenewoode of Westerton Hall in West Ardisley co. York Esq. my daughters everie one of them severallie the sum of £126 they being already pferred by me To all and every such children unto whom I shall be grandfather at my departure out of this my transitorie life the seūall sum of 40^s Likewise I give unto everie such servante as shall be remaininge with me in my service at the end of my lyfe 10^s Furthermore I give to every such child as I am or shall be godfather onto the sum of xij^d seūallie The rest of my debts goods and chattels being as yet unbequeathed or which shall so remain at the end of my life together with all my lands messuages tenements &c. I give &c. unto James Halliwell onlie son and heire apparent of me the said testator onlie my funeral expences

The testator was born about 1551, being described in his father's post mortem inquisition in 1598 as "of the age of 47 years." He vacated Eales and rebuilt Pike House in 1609-10, and largely increased his estate. He married Isabel, daughter of John Mylne of Mylne House in Hundersfield and widow of James Dearden of Stoneheys (his will is dated 30th November 1579), the marriage covenant being dated 6th July 23 Elizabeth (1581). His post mortem inquisition was taken at Bolton-le-Moors 21st March 17 Jac. He died 19th November and was buried at Rochdale on 20th November 1619. Eales and Pike House are still the property of his descendant and representative Miss Beswicke, only child of John Halliwell Beswicke Esq. deceased.

and the charges of my forthbringing to be deducted Thus renouncing all other legacies wills and bequests I make this my last will in forme aforesayd whereof I ordaine and constitute my aforesayd son James Halliwell my lawfull executor and I entreat James Halliwell of Knowl House in Hundersfeld gent. my lovinge brother to be supervisor and overseer of the same hoping that he will see the same accordinge to the tenor of the prēmes onlie executed In confirmation whereof I have set my hand and seal these being witnesses Arthure Singleton Henrie Scolfield Thomas Haworth and Joseph Marcrofte clerk of Littlebrough.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM LORD BRERETON.¹

IN the name &c. 20 May Anno Dñi 1630 I William Lo: Brereton being in good health and pfect memory and dreadinge the uncertaine hower of death do make this my last will &c. ffirst I give and bequeath my soule to Almighty God humbly beseechinge him for the merittē of our Lord Jesus Christ his passion to graunt it the fruition of the eternall glory prepared for his elect and chosen people and my body to be buried in the chancell of the pish church of Brereton And for the disposinge of my worldly estate my will and mind is as followeth ffirst I give &c. to Mary Countesse of Thomond my daughter the sume of one hundred poundē in leue of such title as she can or may pretend to have to any of my goodē or chattele whatsoever My will and mind is that such of my servante

¹ Proved October 19, 1630. Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. baptized at Brereton 6th February 1550, created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland 11th May 1624, married Margaret daughter of Sir John Savage of Clifton Knt. and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of the Earl of Rutland. He built the hall of Brereton in 1586. The title became extinct on the death of his descendant Francis, fifth Lord Brereton, in 1722. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 52.

wages as shalbe unpaid att the time of my death be paid and satisfied forth of my goodē and chattele I give &c. all the rest and residue of my tackē and ffarmes goodē cattells and chattells real and psonall money plate jewells and all other my psonall estate whatsoever to William Brereton Esq^r my grandchild sonne of S^r John Brereton K^t my late sonne and heire decessed my debtē legacies and funnell expences being discharged I make my welbeloved friendē and kinsmen S^r Edward fitton and S^r William Brereton Baronetts and William Moreton of Moreton Esq^r executors of this my last will and testem^t hoping they will see the same well and duly executed according to the trust I repose in them And I do make my welbeloved kinsmen William Booth Esq^r sonne and heir apparent of S^r George Booth K^t and Barronett and John Booth of Twemlowe gent. overseers of this my last will &c. Sealed signed &c. in the p^sence of Ran: Rode Somerford Oldfeld Wiffm Smethwicke Edward Brereton Jo. Carter 1630.

THE WILL OF EDWARD FITTON OF
CHESTER, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. I Edward fitton the younger of the citty of Chester gen. being sicke in body but of perfect memory &c. ffirst I bequeath my soule &c. and my body to bee interred in S^t Peeters Church where my grandfather was buryed in the first isle And for my worldly goods &c. ffirst I give to my deare and loveing wife all my goods chattels &c. &c. what soe^v to her owne use together wth the sum of twenty pounds due to mee from his ma^{ty} for my place and service in the Custome House I devise to my s^d loveing wife my terme and estate of the farme and lands in Ireland

¹ Proved December 12, 1643.

which I clayme by lease from William fitton Esq^r to have and to hold to her and her assignes dureing soe many yeares of the s^d terme and estate as shee shall live and after her decease (shee dying wthin the s^d terme) I give the remaynd^r of the s^d terme and estate to my loveing brother Thomas fitton and my sister Dorothy the wife of Edward Hall and theire assignes The remaynd^r thereof after theire sevall deceases I bequeath to the s^d Wifm fitton Esq^r and his heires And of this my last will and testam^t I ordeyne &c. my said deare and loveing wife Mary fitton my onely executrix and my brother in law M^r Henry Harpur I desire to bee overseer &c. In wittnes whereof &c. this xxxth day of November 1643.

THE WILL OF DAME LADY ANNE FITTON,
WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 31 January 1643 [1643-4] I Dame Anne fitton weake in body but of a perfect and disposing memorie doe willingly and with a free heart render and give againe into the hands of my Lord God and Creator my spirit which hee of his fatherly goodnes gave unto mee nothing doubtinge but that for his infinite mercies sett forth in the precious bloud of his dearely beloved Sonne Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer hee will receive my soule into his glory And as concerneing my body I willingly

¹ No date of probate. Anne, daughter and coheiress of James Barret of South Wales, and widow of Sir Edward Fytton of Gawsworth. She had issue Sir Edward Fytton her son and heir; Penelope, wife of Sir Charles Gerard of Halsall co. Lanc. Knt.; Mary, wife of Geoffrey Minshull of Stoke, near Nantwich; Frances, wife of Henry Mainwaring of Carincham; Alice, wife of Major Merrick of Wales; Anne, wife of Sir John Brereton of Brereton, and afterwards of Sir Gilbert Gerard Knt.; Lettice, wife of John Cole co. Salop; Jane, wife of Thomas Minshull of Erdeswick; and others who died young. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 292.

give it over commending itt to the earth whereof itt came and to bee buried in the parish church of Gosworth in the county of Chester neere to my deare husband if it may bee brought theither without danger but if not then to be disposed of according to the discretion of my executrix Whereas there are certaine bonds forfeited to mee upon the death of William Wilcocks late of Chester gentleman whose dyed a ffelo de se ytt is my will that Widdowe Wilcocks late wife of the sayed William shall have the benefit of the same bonds so that shee pay unto my executrix one hundred and fforty pounds within twelve weeks next after my discease to bee disposed of by my executrix as ffolloweth that is to say ffirst (for that theise worldly goods were given to mee that I should distribute part thereof for the releife of the necessity of the poore) I give to the poore of the towne of Tenby in the county of Pembroke wherein I was borne ffiftie pounds to bee used yearely by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the same towne towards their releife and sustenance To the poore of the parrish of Aldford in the county of Chester other ffiftie pounds the care of disposeing of which I leave to the churchwardens and overseers of the sayed parish of Aldford in buying and provideinge cloathes yearely for the poore of the sayd parrish And as for the remainder of the sayed one hundred and fourtie pounds the same being ffourty pounds I will that the same be bestowed in rings to bee delivered to such of my grandchildren as are hereafter named within twelve weekes next after my departure out of this life viz^t to the right hono^{ble} William Lord Brereton the Lady Mary Hutchinson M^{rs} Jane Brereton M^r Charles Gerrard M^r Edward Gerrard M^{rs} Anne Carey M^r Gilbert Gerrard M^r Edward Minshall M^{rs} Anne Elcocke M^{rs} Jane Minshall M^{rs} Margaret Minshall M^r Rich. Minshall M^r Tho: Minshall M^{rs} Mary Minshall M^{rs} Ellinor Minshall M^r Roger Mannering M^r Peter Mannering M^r Edward Mannering M^{rs} Jane Manweringe M^r Essex Meiricke M^{rs} Mary Meiricke M^r Edward Cole M^r Thomas Minshall and M^{rs} Hanna Minshall

and to every of them one ring a peece every such ring beinge of the price of twoe and thirtie shillings And as touchin the plate and linnen cloth which were of the sayed William Wilcocks and now by reason of his death belongeth to mee I will that out of the same plate and linnen cloth there be given to my servant Anne James seaventeene pounds within twelve weekes next after my death she haveing received of mee heretofore three and twentie pounds the sayed seaventeene makeing it upp forty pounds To the sayed Anne James the bed that shee usually lyeth upon with all things thereunto belonging To my servant Beniamine Kinsey fiftie shillings to bee payed him out of the same goods as also his cloake in liverie The remainder of all my goods &c. (after my funerall expences bee discharged) I give to my loveinge daughter M^{rs} Lettice Cole and S^r Gilbert Gerrard Knight to bee equally devided betweene them And I doe hereby nominate &c. the same Lettice to be my full and sole executrix and my very loveing grandchildren the aforesayed William Lord Brereton and Charles Gerrard supvisors of this my last will &c. and I doe hereby revoke &c. In witness whereof &c.

Anne Phyton.

Whereas in this my last will I give &c. to the poore of the parrish of Aldford fiftie pounds the use whereof to be disposed by the churchwardens and overseers in buying clothes for the poore thereof yet it is my will that the use of the sayed fiftie pounds shall yearly bee and remaine to William Omer onely dureing his life towards his maintenance and to none other hee beeing one of the poore of the same pish and after his death to bee disposed as above-sayed and not before Sealed and subscribed &c. in the presence of Radcliffe Gerard and Rob: Laceward.

THE WILL OF THOMAS WALMESLEY OF
BANISTER HALL, GENTLEMAN.¹

IN the name &c. 14 June Anno Dñi 1637 I Tho^ms Walmsley of Bannester Hall wthin the lordshipp of Walton in le Dale in the county of Lancaster gentleman beeing sicke and weake of bodie but of good and pfect memorie &c. First and principally I comend my soule &c. and I comend my bodie to Christien buriall wthin the church or chappell of Low in Walton aforesaid where my anncestors haue beene usually buried Also I revoke and make voide all and evy former wills &c. And concerning that psonall estate wherwth it hath pleased God to blesse mee my will and minde is &c. ffirst yt my whole debt^e and funerall expences shalbee fully satisfied and paid out of all my goodes w^{ch} donne my will and mynde is that all the rest of my good^e cattle and chattells whatsoev^r shalbee divided into three equall partes wherof I will that ffrances my loveing wyfe shall have one full third pte w^{ch} by law and the custome of the countrie to hir belongeth I do give &c. one other full third pte unto Ann my daughter Item for the other and last third pte being my owne parte called the testators pte my will and mynde is to give the same as followeth vizt. unto my brother Edward W. my best blacke coult and my great fowleing peece my stone bowe and fortie shilling^e I give &c. to M^{rs} Bridgett Stanley my mother in law xx^s To M^r Tho^ms Stanley my brother in lawe my diamond ring and fortie shillings To M^r Peeter Stanley my brother in law xx^s I give &c. to Richard Craven my brother in law xx^s and my sister Anne Craven xx^s I give &c. unto my sister Elizabeth Hodgkinson

¹ Proved July 3, 1637. Thomas, son of Edward Walmesley of Banister Hall, gentleman, and nephew of Sir Thomas Walmesley Knt., justice of the Queen's Bench 31 Elisabeth, married Frances, daughter of Edward Stanley of Moore Hall Esq., by whom he had an only daughter Anne, wife of Ratcliffe, fourth son of Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton Tower Bart. — *Suffield MSS.*

xx^s I give &c. to M^r John Ainsworth of Crooke in Clayton fortie shillinge To Tho^ms Winckley my brother in law xx^s To Tho^ms Winckley my nephew xx^s I give &c. to Richard Potter of Walton my little birding peece Unto my servant Georg Hodgkinson fortie shillinge I give &c. to Edward Birches xx^s To my servant James Sharples xx^s To my servant James Mosse xij^s iiij^d To my servant Agnes Dobson tenn shillinge To my servant Jane Dickonson tenn shillinge I give &c. to evy one of my sev^all tenⁿte in Walton respectively beeing the auncyent tenⁿte five shillinge a peece I give all my wollen apparell to my men servant^e to bee divided amongst them at the discretion of my said wife And I do give &c. all the rest and residue of my said third pte ov^y and above the said legacies unto my said wife And I constitute &c. the said M^r John Ainsworth and my said wife executors &c. In witnesse wherof I have hearunto put my hand &c. Thomas Walmsley.

Witnesses Edw^d Walmsley Thomas Stanley Alexander Hesketh
Edm: Greenwood.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH STANDISH OF STANDISH, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. The xxj^xth daie of September Anno Dⁿi 1637 I Elizabeth Standishe of Standishe in the county of Lancaster widdowe being sicke in body but of good and pfect memorie I praise Almighty God therefore yet neverthelesse considering with my selfe that as death to everie one is certaine soe the tyme thereof is most uncertaine and therefore mynding to establishe and put in certaintie how and in what manner my goods shalbee disposed and bestowed after my death doe ordaine &c. this my laste will &c. first and principally I commend my soule unto Almighty God my only

¹ Proved October 8, 1637.

Creator Redeemer and sanctifyer trusting that through his great mercy to bee one of his elect to raigne with him for ever And seacondly as touching my mortall body I commite the same to the earth there to remaine untill the generall daie of resurreccōn And theirdly conserninge those goodds as God hath indued mee with all I doe dispose of them as [follow]eth and after my debtes and funerall expences being firste paid out of my whole goodē I give unto Rauffe Standishe my eldest sonne table in the parlor and to twoo of the said Rauffe his childeren either of them ffyve shillinges a peece I give unto my son in lawe John Waringe nd unto my doughter Jane a gowne cloath of kersey which was intended for my selfe I give unto my goddaughter Elizabeth Waringe x^s and Anne v^s I give unto my said doughter Jane one calderon I give unto my doughter Margaret the great cheste in the parlor which standeth by the bedd syde and all the linnens therein excepte twoo pare of sheetē viz. one pare of flaxen and an other pare of canvas I give unto Elizabeth Chamberlaine wyffe of Robert C. my worke daie gowne and twoo old petticoates I give to everie child I am godmother unto twelve pence a peece Item all the reste &c. of my goods I give unto Edward S. my younger sonne and I doe hereby constitute &c. Edward S. my said sonne and Margaret S. my said doughter executors of this my last will and testamente wishing that they will execute the same as my trust is in them before all others Debtē owing by mee Elizabeth S. as followeth Imprimis unto my sonne Edward and my doughter Margaret all that childe pte or porcōn w^{ch} was lefte them by there ffather except iij^{li} and x^s which I paid unto my said sonne Edward Item more unto my daughter Margaret x^s Sealed &c. in the presence of us Alexander Woodward Raphe Chamberlaine Thomas Mailor James Urnston.

THE WILL OF JOHN DITCHFIELD OF BOLD.¹

IN the name &c. the two and twentieth day of february 1643 [1643-4] &c. I John Ditchfield beinge att this present at Bold weake in bodie yet praised be God of perfecte memorie doe constitute &c. this my last will in manner and forme followinge first I commende my soule &c. As for my bodie I desire it may bee buried att the chappell of ffarneworth neere to my late deceased ffather And for my goods I dispose of them in this manner first I give unto my brother M^r Henry Bold the summe of ten pounde w^{ch} is oweinge unto mee by my cozen Ditchfield of Ditton for w^{ch} I have his bond I give unto my brother Henry whatsoever hee can prove left unto mee by my ffathers will I give unto my cozen John Hodges if hee bee livinge the summe of ten pounde oweinge unto mee by William Walley of Danum for w^{ch} I have his bond but if my cozen Hodges bee dead then I give unto my brother Henry aforesaid and his children the ten pounde oweinge unto mee by Walley besides all other debts oweinge unto mee both in London and Lancashire Cheshire and all other places I give unto my brother Henry and his children three trunkes standinge at one M^r Prophets house by the bridge foote in Churchyard-alley of w^{ch} trunkes my cozen Sara Pate hath the keys who lives in Chritchett Friers over against Northumberland-alley Alsoe there is nyne

¹ No date of probate. From a pedigree in the *Harl. MSS.*, 1549, fol. 29, it appears that Laurence Ditchfield of Chester, second son of Hamlet Ditchfield of Ditton gent., married *Martha*, daughter of Richard Brooke of Norton and widow of . . . Bold. The Bold pedigree (*Suffield MSS.*) states that William Bold of Bold married *Prudence*, daughter of Richard Brooke of Norton Esq., and by her had issue Richard Bold of Bold Esq., Henry, Frances wife of John Hodges of London, and other children. It seems, therefore, highly probable that the testator was the son of Laurence Ditchfield of Chester and Miss Brooke (although these two statements vary as to her Christian name), and half-brother to Mr. Henry Bold the executor named in the will, through his mother's marriage with Mr. William Bold of Bold.

poundes oweinge unto mee by my cozen Sara Pate the w^{ch} I give unto my brother Henry and his children and I desire her to pay it to my brother wthout any further suite or trouble whensoever he shall demandaunt it And whereas I had a horse downe from London of my cozen Pate the truth is I left a better in his roome but beinge the horse I had dyed here in Lancashire I freely give the horse unto my cozen Pate w^{ch} I left with her Lastly haveinge thus disposed of my goodē I desire that my good brother Mr Henry Bold would see these debtē paid out of the afforesaid summes and goodē that hee pay truly unto Mr William Bisbie liveinge in Cateaten-streete over against the Maiden-head the summe of vij^{li} alsoe that hee pay unto Mr Robert Triplett livinge about the midle of Distaffe-lane whatsoever he demandē upon his oath for at this p^{re}sent I am uncertaine what it is And for my aparrell linnens and all other particuler things at Bold and elsewhere I freely give them all unto my deare brother and his children And I ordaine my brother whole executor of this my last will and testament unto w^{ch} I have putt &c. Sealed &c. in the presence of these witnesses John Dichfield Thomas Leigh Raphe Banke Richard Hatton his marke +

THE WILL OF LUCY TOWNLEY OF SHACKLEHAY, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. The xxvijth day of August anno Dñi 1621 I Luce Townley of Shacklehay widow late wiffe of Thomas T. deceased sicke in bodie but of sound and p^{er}fect memorie I praise God therefore doe make and ordeyne this my p^{re}sent testam^t containinge therein my laste will revokeinge and makeinge voyd thereby

¹ Proved 6th November 1621. Lucy, daughter of Lawrence Townley of Barnside Gent. and widow of Thomas Townley, natural son of Sir John Townley of Townley Knt. — *Suffield MSS.*

all former and other wills by me heretofore made whether the same be made by worde or in wrytinge first and principally therefore I comitt my soule into th'and^e of Allmightie God my Creator and to Christ Jesus his onely Sonne my Redemer through whose bitter death and passion I trust to be saved and to have full remission of all my synnes and my bodie I ffreely comend to the earth from whence yt came And touching the disposition of my worldly good^e I will that my debt^e be first paid thereof that is to say I owe unto my cosen Robte Townley now of Barnsett x^s w^{ch} is all that I owe to any pson I geve and bequeath unto my cosen Charles Townley now of Stonyhurst six silver spones I geve unto Robte Anderton my iron chimney in the house I geve unto his wiffe x^s one paire of shetes and one old ffether bedd Unto Dorathe Anderton daughter of the said Robte A. xx^s To Xp^ropher Anderton and Jenet A. sonne and daughter of the said Robte eyther of them ten shilling^e To Elizabeth Banester daughter of Robte B. deceased x^s To Barnard Walton x^s It ys my mynde that Wifm Baldwen shall have the table in the plor at a reasonable pryce I geve unto the wiffe of Charles Banester all that pewther w^{ch} lyeth in a chiste in the inⁿ plor To Joseph Blakey his owne tables and two shilling^e The rest of my goods I will shalbe bestowed upon my funerall charg^e and poore people in the discre^on of my cosen Lawrence Townley of Barnsett my cosen Charles Townley of Lower Stonyedge and John Hartley of Swinden And I make and ordeyne the said Lawrence T. executor of this my last will trusting &c. Theis beinge witnesses Charles Townley John Hartley of Swinden and John Blakey.

THE WILL OF THOMAS IRELAND OF BEWSEY,
ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 14 January 1638 [1638-9] I Thomas Ireland of Bewsey in the county of Lancaster esq. beinge sicke in body yet pfect &c. And as for my body my will is that it be buried in my chapele at my parish church in Warrington soe as it be done in the day and not in the night with a sermon by M^r Ward² parson there of and with no more pompe then accordinge to my degree at the discretion of my sole executrix my lovinge wife Margaret I. whom I only ordaine to be soe by theis p^{re}sente Forasmuch as I married my said wife Margaret the second doughter of Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley knight deceased with whome from her mother I received a competent satisfactorie por^{ti}on I doe therefore give unto her my said wife all my goods debts household stufte and psonall estate whatsoever to the intent and better enablinge of her that she shall pay and discharge all my proper due debts as alsoe to discharge my fufull and the sevall legacies hereafter men^{ti}oned I give unto my said lovinge wife all leases for tithes &c. belonginge to the r^{ec}torie of Warrington together with the mansion place and dwellinge house of the parsonage of Warrington to take all the yearely issues

¹ Proved 18th April 1689. Thomas Ireland of Bewsey Esq., son of Sir Thomas Ireland of Bewsey and vice-chamberlain of Chester by Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Aston of Aston Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley Knt., by whom he had an only daughter and heiress Margaret, wife of Sir Gilbert Ireland of Hutt and Hale Knt. She died without issue in 1675 and left her estates to her cousin Richard Atherton of Atherton Esq. The testator died 16th January 1638-9 and was buried at Warrington. — *Funeral Certificate* and *Suffield MSS.* Bewsey is now the property of Lord Lilford, his grandfather Thomas Lord Lilford having married Henrietta the eldest daughter and coheiress of Robert Vernon Atherton Esq. of Atherton and Bewsey.

² The Rev. William Ward presented to the rectory of Warrington by Thomas Ireland of Bewsey Esq. in 1621.

and profitts dureinge such tyme as my only doughter Margaret Ireland shall attaine to the full age of sixteene yeares and likewise to have the same dureinge the nfall life of the Lady Margaret Travor late wife of my late father Sir Thomas Ireland knight deceased who hath an annuity of two hundreth pounds p anñ yssueinge out of my lands dureinge her life yf the said Margaret my said wife soe long shall live Provided nevertheles that if my said doughter Margaret I. shall live untill the death of the said Lady Travor that then she the said Margaret Ireland and the heires of her body shall have all the said tithes before mençoned It is my will that if my said doughter Margaret Ireland doe dye before my said wife without yssue then my said wife shall enioy all the tithes aforesaid dureinge her nfall life yf the terme in the lease &c. doe continue soe longe And after the sevall deathes of my wife and doughter I doe give the said tithes &c. to the use of such persons to whome my mannor house of Bewsey by virtue of a conveyance thereof by me made bearinge date with theis pñtes shall appertaine I give unto my servant John Wright xx^{tie} nobles To Mary Johnson wife of William Johnson of Woolston twentie pounds in satisfaction of twentie pounds I pmised her at her marriage I doe give unto my servante William Barrowe tenn pounds to Thomas Sutton my servant five markes To Bridgett Lawrence other five markes To Thomas Barton five pounds To Piers Gerard my servant tenn pounds To Margaret Barlow tenn pounds And as for the rest of my servants I refer them to be dealt with at the discretion of my said executrix Sealed &c. in the presence of Tho. Stanley John Jeffreys Tho. Rigby John Coe cler. Ed. Dicconson.

THE WILL OF DAME DOROTHY LEGH OF
WORSLEY, WIDOW.¹

IN the name of God amen I Dame Dorothis Legh of Worsley in the county of Lancast^r widow late wife of S^r Peter Legh knight deceased being in good and pfect health &c. and of sound memory (I praise God) yet considering with myself that I draw into yeares and am mortall and sure to dye albeit uncertayne of the time when and being desirous to settle and leave such a pfect order and readynes how and in what manner my goods and psonall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me shall be disposed of and to whome the same shall come and appertayne after my decease so as no contention suite or varyance shall or may growe or arise thereafter about the same doe therefore fully and advisedly make declare and publish this my testam^t and last will in manner and forme following (viz.) ffirst I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God faithfully beleieving to be saved by and through the onely meritts and passion of his deare Sonne and our Lord and Savio^r Jesus Christ and my body to the earth whence I am wishing that the same may be buried at the pish church of Eccles in that tombe² which I here-

¹ Dorothy, daughter of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Knt. and widow of Thomas Legh of Adlington Esq., married first Richard Brereton of Tatton and Worsley Esq., and secondly Sir Peter Legh of Lyme Knt. Richard Brereton, having no surviving issue, settled his estates on his wife's illegitimate brother Sir Thomas Egerton, lord chancellor of England, Viscount Brackley ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 846. The testatrix was buried at Eccles 11th April 1639. Her mother's will is printed Portion ii. p. 268.

² The Brereton tomb still remains in Eccles Church, with whole length recumbent figures of Richard Brereton of Worsley and his widow Dorothy, with their infant son in swaddling clothes; with this inscription: "Hic iacent corpora Ricardi Brereton de Tatton et Worsley Ar'igeri et Dorotheæ vxoris ei' filie Ric'i Eggertō de Ridley militis et Ric'i filii eor' qvi quidē Ric' ob' 17 die Decēbris ão d'ni 1598 et diota Dorothea obiit 4^a die Aprilis a'no d'ni 1639. Et dict' Ric' filij' eor' qui infans obiit a'no d'ni 1575 et dicta Dorothea hoc monumentū fieri fecit 1600."

tofore made for my former husband M^r Brereton and my selfe to lye in and desiring also that I may be buried wth litle and small pompe and funerall charges and that some few of my ffrinds and kinsfolks shall be invited thereto And concerning my worldly goods and psonall estate my will is as followeth (viz.) Imprimis I give unto my hono^{ble} good lord the Earle of Bridgewater all my brewing vessells and my leads at Worsley and all my bedsteads chaires stooles tables and cupbords in the house of Worsley and the bedding belonging to the wainscott chamber hoping that he will give them all to his sonne Thomas (being my adopted sonne) towards the furnishing of the house of Worsley I give to my Lord Brackley a ring with diamonds in it w^{ch} my Lord Bridgewater gave to me when he was at Lime To my cosen Thomas (younger sonne to the Earle of Bridgewater and my adopted sonne) all the ffeather beds and other bedding in those four chambers after the side of the gallery betwixt my chamber and the dining chamber (the coffers chists trunks and all things in them excepted) and all my double gilt plate (except two double gilt botoles without covers and two litle double gilt kannes) To the Lady Alice (daughter to the Earle of Bridgewater) a white saphire with a pearle at it w^{ch} my lady her mother left me at her death and a ring with an emerald in it w^{ch} her mother gave to me when she was at Lime I give to M^{rs} Bold¹ a pearle chaine and a border of gold and some pearle on it w^{ch} were her mothers and a payre of braceletts of corral and pearle and some gold beads among them To my cosen Lettice Leigh (wife of Doctor Leigh²) a chaine of aggetts and pearle and a neck lace of pearle and some litle rubyes in it To my cosen Margaret Bold foure angells to make her a ring and my pearle buttons to sett on a gowne To

¹ Anne, stepdaughter of the testatrix, being the daughter of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme and wife of Richard Bold of Bold Esq.

² Thomas Legh D.D. (brother of Mrs. Bold), rector of Sephton and Walton co. Lancaster, married Lettice, daughter and coheiress of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 339.

my cosen Peter Bold ffoure angells to make him a ring To the rest of M^r Bolds children ffourty shillings a peece I give to M^r ffancis Legh of Lime and M^r Peter Legh his brother either of them ffoure angells to make them either a ring To Docto^r Legh five marks to make him a ringe To litle Peter Legh (sonne of M^r Peter Legh of Lime) five pounds To my cosen Thomas Davyes ffoure angells to make him a ringe and to his wife a ring wth a rubye in it To my sisterinlaw (my brother Egertons wife) two soveraignes to make her a ring To my Lady Leghs¹ younger sonne (unto whome my Lord Chancello^r was grandfather) five pounds and the one half of my books To my cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe² ffoure angells to make him a ring and the other halfe of my books and to his wife ffoure angells to make her a ring and to his daughter my cosen Jane Egerton³ five pounds and to the rest of his children every one five marks a peece To M^r Robert Mawdesley of Mawdesley five marks and to his wife ffoure angells to make her a ring I give my cosen Peter Legh of High Legh my greater bason and ewer of silver and tenne pounds to buy him a gelding To my cosen John Egerton⁴ and to my cosen Anne Egerton (my brother Egertons children) either of them ffoure angells to make them either a ring and to my cosen John Egertons wife two angells to make her a ring To my cosen Richard Egerton of Ridley⁵ ffoure angells and to his sonne five marks To my cosen Richard Egertons wife my best chaine and border w^{ch}.

¹ Mary, wife of Sir Francis Leigh of Newnham Regis, father of Francis Leigh Earl of Chichester. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

² Peter Egerton of Shawe in the parish of Flixton was nephew of the testatrix and son of Ralph Egerton of Ridley Esq. by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Peter Warburton of Arley Esq. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162. He married at Flixton 28th April 1611 Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Leonard Asshawe of Shawe, and was buried there 22nd May 1656. Here the family resided until the estate was sold in 1722 to William Latus of Manchester gent.

³ She married at Flixton 2nd July 1640 Edmund Latham of Irlam gent.

⁴ Brother of Peter Egerton of Shawe.

⁵ Richard Egerton of Ridley Esq., great nephew of the testatrix, ruined himself by gaming, and sold the family estates. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 161.

my mother gave mee and a dozen of double gilt spoones with two letters in the end (D. B.) My desire is to have these spoones to remayne to the house of Ridley for heire loomes I give to my cosen¹ Elizabeth Warburton twenty pounds and a caskenett wth redd stones in it and my best satten petticoate layd on wth fine laces of gold about the skirt and to her three children every one of them five pounds a peece To my cosen Barbara Egerton a petticoate of crimson damaske layd on wth one broad silver lace and tenne pounds in money and to my cosen Thomas Egerton (her brother) a nest of silver tunnes being tenne in number w^{ch} I wish him to keepe for my sake I give to the rest of S^r Richard Egertons children (unto whome I have given nothing before by this my will) every one of them five marks a peece To my godsonne M^r Thomas Legh of Adlington three spurreryalls to make him a ring and to my cosen (his wife) my best cushion cloath and wrought pillow beeres to it and a sweet bagge and a cushionett my best glass and a casting bottle¹ I give to my godsonne Thomas Legh the younger of Adlington tenne pounds To my cosen Alexander Rigby of Midleton tenne pounds to buy him a gelding and to his wife (my cosen Lucie Rigby)² my lesser bason and ewer of silver and to my godsonne Alexander Rigby the younger twenty nobles and to my cosen Rigbeys other three children (Urian Lucie and Edward) every one five markes a peece I give to my cosen William Davenport of the Miles End two xxij^s peeces to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Margarett Davenport) a jewell of aggetts and a fflaggen chaine of gold and my best satten gowne and kirtle and doublett and girdle belonging to it To my cosen William Davenport the younger of the Miles End twenty two shillings and to his wife twenty two shillings To my cosen Edward Warren of Pointon ffoure angells to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Margarett Warren) my best

¹ The casting bottle was used for sprinkling or casting perfumes, and had been in use above a century.

² Lucy, daughter of Sir Urian Legh of Adlington knight.

gold braceletts and a ring wth a white sapphire in it and a little kanne of silver double gilt To my cosen Mary Basford a lesser paire of gold braceletts To my cosen Basford (her husband) two angells I give to Sr Richard Wilbraham a trebble soveraigne and a ring with deaths head in it and sixe letters engraven in it and to my Lady Wilbraham a ring with a diamond in it To my cosen Hope of Doddleston two xxij^s peeces to make him a ring and to his wife a ring with a ruby in it and a payre of silke stockings To my cosen Mary Smith (daughter to my cosen Elizabeth Masterson) a petticoate of crimson taffata wth an embroydred gard about it and a litle ring To my cosen Francis Gamull a coife and skirts wrought wth silver and gold To my cosen Susan Broughton my coloured wrought velvet gowne w^{ch} is layd about wth silke and gold lace and the kirtle and doublett and girdle belonging to it and the coife and skirts w^{ch} she herselfe wrought I give to my sister in lawe M^{rs} Mary Tildesley¹ tenne pounds To my goddaughter M^{rs} Prestwich a dozen of silver spoones and a litle mawdlin pott of silver and a petticoate of ffugo² satten layd on wth a silke lace To my goddaughter M^{rs} Dorothe Wise a litle kanne of silver and a ring To M^r John Brethertons wife a silver kanne To M^{rs} Ashaw foure angells to make her a ring and a silver kanne To Judge Davenport and his wife either of them a trebble soveraigne to make them either a ring To my cosen Edward Mosley³ of the Hough End foure angells to make him a ring and to his wife (my cosen Mary Mosley) a ring with

¹ Richard Brereton's mother (Alice, daughter of Peter Leycester of Tabley Esq.) married secondly Robert Charnock of Charnock and Astley Esq., by whom she had a daughter Mary, wife of Thurstan Tyldesley of Stansacre, younger son of Edward Tyldesley of Morleys Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 346; *Suffield MSS.*

² "Fuger," figured or branched satin. In *Unton Invent.* p. 11; Halliwell.

³ Edward son of Rowland Mosley of Hough's End, by his second wife Anne, daughter and coheiress of Francis Sutton of Sutton co. Cest. Esq., bap. at Didsbury September 1616, was created a baronet in 1640. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Gervase Outler of Stainborough Hall co. York (marriage license dated 6th November 1636), and was buried at Didsbury 4th December 1657.

four rubyes and a diamond in it and a wrought purse and a payre of silke stockings and to my godsonne Edward Mosley the younger a silver bowle without cover double gilt To my cosen Anne Mosley the elder a ring wth a saphire in it and to my cosen Anne Mosley the younger a wrought purse of silke and gold I give to M^r John Davenport of Woodford two angells and to his wife five marks To M^{rs} Massey of Denfield two xxij^s peeces and to my godsonne (her sonne) five pounds To my godsonne M^r John Starkey¹ five marks and to his wife two angells and to his sonne M^r Nicholas Starkey² two angells and to his wife one angell To my godsonne M^r Humphrey Davenport five pounds to make him a ring and to his brother (my cosen James Davenport) four angells to make him a ring To my goddaughter Dorothie Egerton (daughter to my brother Georg Egerton) tenne pounds I give to these my godsonnes and goddaughters hereafter named (viz.) M^r Edmond fleetwood Ellis Hay M^{rs} Dorothie Ashton M^{rs} Elizabeth Warren M^{rs} Dorothie fleetwood daughter to the parson of Wiggan M^{rs} Dorothie Bukley Dorothie Legh daughter to M^r John Legh Dorothie the wife of Richard Edge of Humbleton William Edge Oliver Darbshire and Dorothie Grundy and to all others unto whome I am godmother to whome I have hereby given no other legacie every one two angells a peece I give to M^r Humphrey Cheetham of Clayton³ four angells to make him a ring To my mother Charnocke four angells To my cosen Dorothie Holland (if she shall happen to belong to me at my death) my silke grogram gowne and my litle gold chaine and a petticoate of fugo satten layd on wth silver and gold lace and spangled I give unto my chambermayd w^{ch} shall belong to me at my death tenne pounds and my petticoate of barracan layd on wth silke and gold

¹ John Starkie of Huntroyd Esq., bap. at Eccles 6th December 1584, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Leigh of Adlington. — *Suffield MSS.*

² Nicholas Starkie bap. at Eccles 1st February 1606-7, was accidentally killed in 1642 at Hoghton Tower by an explosion of gunpowder.

³ The Founder.

lace and two of my best tiffany ruffles and foure of my best smocks and foure of my best aprons To Williſm Wood five pounds I give to Roger Young all the money that he oweth me To John Valentine five pounds and to his wife twentie shillings To Peter Bradshaw and his wife tenne pounds betwixt them To Peter Roscow and his wife five pounds betwixt them To Roger Valence five pounds To John Arnefield tenne pounds To M^r Thomas Hanmer five pounds and to his wife two angells To Thomas Lunt and his wife either twentie shillings and to their two children (Thomas and Alice) either tenne shillings To widow Sharle fourtie shillings and to Jane Lort twentie shillings To M^r John Legh who lived at Lime two angells and to his wife two angells I give to Margaret Legh Elizabeth Martin and Margary the wife of Robert Jacques (who are or wer servants of M^{rs} Bold) every one twentye shillings a peece To Roger Roanes and his wife either tenne shillings a peece To John Wood (schoolemaster at Rawsthorne) ffourtie shillings and to Roger Huett twentie shillings and to Edward Huett twentie shillings and to Edward Hough (who was oure brewer at Lime) twentie shillings To Robert Gaskell and his wife twentie shillings betwixt them and to Alexander Robinson and his wife either of them two angells I give to M^r Legh¹ (the parson of Standish) two angells and to M^r Alexander Horrocks five pounds and to M^r Johnson² of Ellinbrooke fourtie shillings and to M^r Jones³ vicar of Eccles ffourtie shillings and to his wife twentie shillings and to Thomas Smith cleark of Eccles fourtie shillings and to M^r Richard Worthington ffourtie shillings and to M^r Edward Creswell five pounds and to M^r Edward Woolm⁴ twentie shillings and to his wife

¹ Rev. William Leigh B.D., the learned and aged rector of Standish, instituted 17th November 29th Elizabeth. His will, dated 28th October 1638, was proved at Chester in 1639.

² Mr. Thomas Johnson, incumbent of Ellenbrooke.

³ John Jones inducted to the vicarage of Eccles 18th January 1610-11, was buried there 21st October 1648.

⁴ Incumbent of Flixton; instituted in 1629; was buried there 8th May 1660.

tenne shillings I give to Thomas Smith of Smith Fold fourtie shillings and to his wife and his motherinlaw either tenne shillings To Raphe Prickett twenty pounds I give to the rest of my men servants w^{ch} shall belong to me at the time of my death (unto whome I have given no other legacie by this my will) every one a yeares wages To Jane ffoxe tenne pounds To Margaret (the wife of George Mercer) if she shall dwell wth me at the time of my death five pounds To old Elizabeth Cooke two old bayes petticoates and fourtie shillings To Elizabeth Brabin (if she shall dwell wth me at my death) ffourtie shillings I give unto the rest of my maid servants (w^{ch} shall belong to me at the time of my death unto whome I have given no other legacie) every one a yeares wages I doe moreover give unto all my maid servants w^{ch} shall belong to me at the time of my death (my chambermayd and old Elizabeth Cooke excepted) all the rest of my worke day apparell both linnen and woollen (w^{ch} are not otherwise before hereby given) to be equally divided among them I give to the poore in Worsley twenty nobles and to the poore in Eccles fourtie shillings and to the poore in Middlehulton fourtie shillings and to the poore about the Deane church twentie shillings and to the poore in Bolton twentie shillings and to the poore in Leigh twentie shillings and to the poore in Tatton fourtie shillings and to the poore in Rawsthorne fourtie shillings and to the poore in Knottsford ffourtie shillings I give to twelve old persons of my tennants in Worsley and Hulton every one a blacke coate or gowne at the discretion of my executo^{rs} Item there is armo^r in the armo^r house at Worsley w^{ch} belongeth to the late tennants of my former husband M^r Brereton both in Cheshire and Lancashire my will and desire is to have it kept and p^rserved for their use I doe freely and absolutely give and remitt unto my servants and tennants both in Worsley and Hulton all such debts and summes of money and other demands as they shall owe or be indebted to me at the time of my death so as neither they nor any of them shall be answerable to my executors

or unto any other pson for the same in any manner whatsoever My will is that all my debts and funerall expences shall be defrayed and paid forth of the residue of my goods I give all the rest and residue of my goods plate gold silver cattell chattells debts implements houshold stuffe jewells corne hay and psonall estate whatsoever unto my cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe And finally of this my last will and testament I ordeyn and make my sayd cosen Peter Egerton of the Shawe and my cosen Peter Leigh of High Leigh my full and pfect executo^{rs} And I heartily desire and especially trust my well-beloved cosen S^r Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey to be overseer of the same In witnesse whereof I the said Dame Dorothe Legh have hereunto sett my hand and seale 8 February 1638 [1638-9].

Dorothy Legh.

Sealed declared and published by the sayd Dame Dorothe Legh to be her testam^t and last will in the p^sence of George Legh Thomas Irlam George Legh John Peake his mark.

A codicill made by me Dame Dorothe Legh of Worsley widow late wife of S^r Peter Legh knight deceased w^{ch} I desire may be affixed unto the testament or last will of me the said Dame Dorothe Legh and may be accepted and reputed as pte and pcell thereof wherein I give unto these psons hereafter men^coned these severall legacyes followinge I give unto my cosen Richard fleetwood of Preston one hundreth pounds w^{ch} he oweth unto me To my cosen Alexander Rigby of Middleton fifty pounds over and besides the legacy w^{ch} I have already given unto him by my last will I give unto my servant Willm Penke one hundreth pounds To my cosen George Billett who liveth at London one hundreth pounds I give unto M^r Raphe Richardson of Brasin Nose Colledge in Oxford and to my cosen John Prestwich either of them two angells to make them either a ring Unto Ellen Davyes twenty shillings I give unto the workemen in or at the coalepitts and cannell pitts in Middle

Hulton every one tenne shillings a peece In witnesse whereof I have thereunto sett my hand and seale the 29 day of March 1639

Dame Dorothie + Legh her mark.

Witnesses hereof Theodore Deodate Nic. Starkie Marcii 29 1639
J. P. John Peak his mark.

An Inventory of the goods cattells chattells and creditts of Dame Dorothie Legh late of Worsley in the countye of Lancast^r widow deceased late wife of S^r Peter Legh late of Lime in the county of Chester knight deceased taken and apprized by Raphe Jackson Willm Hesketh Roger Young and Roger Valence yeom 15 April 1639 Imprimis five draught geldings x^{li} Item eight other geldings and mares xxxvij^{li} Item ffourteene milch kine and two calves lj^{li} x^s Item three bulls xij^{li} Item eighteen steeres lxxij^{li} vj^s viij^d Item three fatt oxen xxxvij^{li} Item ewes and lambes rammes weathers and young sheepe Cxij^{li} xij^s Item swine xxj^{li} xvij^s iiij^d Item pullen xxxij^s viij^d Item oats and barley growing lx^{li} Item corn in the barnes at Worsley thrasht and unthrasht lxvij^{li} xiiij^s Item corn in the barne at Hulton xx^{li} Item meale in an arke and the arke iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d Item in mault xl^{li} Item in the kilne and garⁿ one hutch one stone troughe a tryer haire cloathes and other things v^{li} xvj^s viij^d Item hay iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Item carts waynes wheelles ploughs and all other things belonging to husbandry xx^{li} xvj^s viij^d Item timber upon the barnehill in the workhouse and sawen boards in the parke xix^{li} xv^s ij^d Item saddles bridles bitts snaffles and other things belonging to the stable vj^{li} ix^s Item fewell at Worsley vij^{li} Item coales cannell and basse upon the banke at Hulton Cvj^{li} iij^s ij^d Item two stithes two payre of bellowes windles ropes chaines arks timber and other things there v^{li} xiiij^s viij^d Item in the ground parlo^r bedding and bedsteads four great chests with diverse things in them and other implem^{ts} in that roume lxvij^{li} xj^s vij^d Item bedding and other things in the litle old parlo^r the

chamb over the compast¹ window and Henry Goffes chamb xxv^{li} iiij^s vj^d Item bedding and other things belonging to the wainscott chamber and to the foure gallery chambers Cxv^{li} vj^s Item bedding and other things in the Lady Bentleyes chamber and mayds chamber xviiij^{li} ij^s xj^d Item bedding and other things in M^r Creswalls chamb the rounge under it and the litle chamber in the new building xviiij^{li} vij^s xj^d Item bedding and other things in the decedents owne chamber xx^{li} xij^s xj^d Item turnells tubbes.....and other things belonging to the daye house wash house cocke house and milke house and three hives of bees in the garden vj^{li} xv^s Item new linnen cloath and linnens in diverse trunks and chests Olxviiij^{li} xvj^s ix^d Item in the starching parlo^r a trunk and featherbed tickes curtaynes and valence of yellow and blew taffata v^{li} ij^s iiij^d Item bedding and other things in John Armfields chamb the porters lodge the clocke chamber the brewhouse chamb and the servants chamb xxiiij^{li} ij^s viij^d Item vessels and other things in the brewhouse ix^{li} vj^s x^d Item flagons voyders candlesticks and other things in the buttry ix^{li} xvj^s iiij^d Item in brasse and pewter xliiiij^{li} iiij^s jd Item spitts gridirons and other necessaryes belonging to the kitchin and larder ix^{li} xij^s x^d Item in white and gilt plate CCCCxxxiiij^{li} ix^s v^d Item in a chest in the starching parlo^r and other things in that rounge vj^{li} x^s iiij^d Item in the decedents clossett next to her chamb xiiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d Item in the wooll loft matting and other trifles x^{li} ix^s x^d Item in the cheese loft and storehouse wthin and the litle storehouse o^v the buttrye xxiij^{li} viij^s iiij^d Item in ffoure chests in the maids chamb candles wastcoates gloves smocks and grocery ware wth muffes cushionetts glasses and other trifling things xxx^{li} xv^s vj^d Item the decedents wearing apparell Cxliij^{li} xiiij^s ij^d Item tables chaires stooles carpetts and other things belonging to the dining chamb and arrowes at the stayrshead xxiij^{li} xix^s Item in the hall tables fframes and fformes and twenty eight pikes and three launces v^{li} vij^s vj^d

¹ A bay window or oriel is called "a compassed window" by Shakspeare.

Item in the armory xl^{li} xij^s Item a trunke and diverse things therein with other trunks and boxes wherein are diverse jewells as also featherbed ticks blanketts coverletts sett works cushions and many other things CCClv^{li} Item books xx^{li} Item yarne at the whiting and weaving vij^{li} xvj^s viij^d Item certayne barrells wth verjuyce old iron and other odd things in a litle rounge under the compast window xx^s Item in debts by specialty DCXCj^{li} vij^s

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